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CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE PROTECTIONS OF TRIBAL MEMBERS

In light of the ongoing violence, we have witnessed in Minneapolis and across the country, never forget that we were here first, we are the first nations, and no one should be forced to live in fear. Now is the time to come together in unity. We are committed to ensuring that all Tribal members have Tribal IDs and are protected.

The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe is a sovereign Tribal nation. Due to recent wrongful detainment and racial profiling actions occurring throughout the country and to promote the general welfare of its people the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe (CRST) stands to protect its Tribal members and its sovereign Tribal Nation homelands from any threats; both domestic and foreign. The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe condemns the recent actions of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in the detainment of 4 Oglala Sioux Tribal members, and of Red Lake Nation descendant Jose Roberto Ramirez in Minneapolis, MN; and condemns any violence caused by their lack of competency of Constitutional Rights and the inherent sovereignty of Tribal Nations.

To ensure proper identification, all Tribal members should verify their Tribal Identification (ID) Card is valid and not expired. All off-reservation Tribal members are advised to obtain a Tribal ID Card if they do not currently possess one. All fees will be waived for enrolled Tribal members.

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If any Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe member is contacted, detained, or questioned by ICE or Border Patrol, please notify the Tribe immediately (605) 964-4155. More information and guidance will be forthcoming.

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