



# POARCH BAND of CREEK INDIANS

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## Poarch Creek Indians CEO: Federal COVID-19 Aid an Important Step Towards Recovery

*Atmore, AL, March 27, 2020*—The CEO of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Stephanie A. Bryan, released the following statement upon Congress’s passage of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

“I applaud our federal lawmakers for their actions to pass legislation that will spur the economy and provide relief to tribes during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Poarch Creek Indians have taken many precautions to protect our employees and Tribal Members, and we are thankful our lawmakers acknowledge the relief we need. We have voluntarily closed our businesses to the public, and this legislation will assist us in continuing to provide stability to our employees during this uncertain time.” – Bryan stated.

The CARES Act includes many provisions that will aid the Poarch Creek Indians’ recovery including:

- Establishing the Coronavirus Relief Fund
- Extension of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) until November 30, which was set to expire in May
- Recovery checks for middle class individuals

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The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is the only federally recognized tribe in Alabama. With an annual economic impact of nearly \$1 billion in wages, capital, goods, services, and taxes, we continue to support the Alabama economy across the State. Read more about our tribe [here](http://poarchcreekindians.org).