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PRESS RELEASE – MODOC COVID-19 UPDATE

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We as a community, county, state and nation dealing with COVID-19, we all are being asked to sacrifice something. For some, COVID-19 might be just an inconvenience, for others it's the reality of not having a job, or the fear of not being able to recover from the financial impact of having to close your business. We also understand that there are many people living in this community that are struggling with the fear that this deadly virus may affect your own family or loved ones that are already coping with severe health issues. Even with all of the information out there, there is still some disbelief in the seriousness of COVID-19. We want you to know that this is serious, the recommendations are not to be taken lightly.

Here's what we know:

- Modoc County still has ZERO confirmed cases
- 51 of the 58 California counties have at least ONE confirmed case
- 249 people have died in California due to COVID-19, 52,611 deaths globally
- California is averaging 30 deaths a day due to COVID-19, current modeling in the state of CA indicates that we will experience a death rate of over 100 people per day.
- 1,007,793 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in 204 countries

Dr. Richert, along with all our health care professionals have been working diligently for the past six weeks to make sure that they are prepared in the event we are affected by this deadly virus. As front-line healthcare workers for patients with COVID-19, they commit themselves to difficult draining work also putting themselves at risk of infection. We should all consider this selflessness when we choose not to abide by the orders imposed by Governor Newsom. We all must:

- **Use social distancing at all times** (social distancing means keeping a six-foot space between you and others)
- **Stay home as much as possible, only leaving for essential business** (essential business is anything that cannot wait such as getting food, post office, bank, etc)
- **Limit traveling out of county as much as possible** (let's help support our local businesses and not risk exposure in outlying counties! Win-Win!)

Many essential workers are working day and night for you in an effort to keep services open and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Modoc County. Even though there is no positive case in Modoc County, we need to stay vigilant in our social distancing and preventative measures. Please do your part and always remember that social distancing does not mean emotional distancing. Please check in on each other- call your neighbor, write a note, drop off a meal or ask if you can help in some way. We are in this together and we will get through this because of our collaboration and tight communities! Please help us by doing your part.