

March 25, 2020

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RE: Revisions to the Governor's FY 2020-21 Supplemental Budget

Dear Senators and Representatives:

The purpose of this letter is to officially transmit revisions to Governor Walz's proposed supplemental budget for FY 2020-21. The Governor's general fund recommendations are based upon the February 2020 forecast. The Governor is proposing an additional \$11 million in Assistance for Tribal Nations. Additionally, the Governor's budget recognizes the impact of Chapter 70 with this transmittal.

FY 2020-21 General Fund Recommendations

(\$ in millions)

| Forecast Balance | \$1,513 |
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| Budgetary Impact of Chapters 66, 68 and 70 | \$251 |
| Tax and Revenue Change Capital Budget Debt Service and Cash Capital Costs Remaining Supplemental Budget Recommendations Proposed Additional COVID-19 Response Activities Subtotal – March 12 & 22 Recommended Changes | 9 89 206 <u>\$356</u> \$651 |
| New Recommendation: Assistance for Tribal Nations | \$11 |
| Remaining Budgetary Balance | \$600 |

The Governor recommends providing emergency response assistance to Minnesota's eleven Tribal Nations to mitigate the immediate impacts of COVID-19. Unlike states and local governments, Tribal Nations have limited access to federal and local resources, making the public health and economic impacts particularly acute. These

grants would allow each Tribal nation to access up to \$1 million for emergency response activities including but not limited to, FEMA Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act reimbursable activities or securing other basic needs like food or shelter. This proposal has an \$11 million impact in FY 2020 and is one-time.

As always, individual agency commissioners and staff, as well as MMB executive budget officers, are prepared to answer any questions you may have on the recommendations.

Sincerely

Myron Frans Commissioner

cc: Senator Julie Rosen, Senate Finance Chair Representative Lyndon Carlson, House Ways and Means Chair Senator Richard Cohen Representative Pat Garofalo Eric Nauman, Senate Chief Fiscal Analyst

Bill Marx, House Chief Fiscal Analyst