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MEMORANDUM

TO: OHKAY OWINGEH TRIBAL MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY

FROM: GOVERNOR JOSEPH P. AGUINO AND TRIBAL OFFICIALS

SUBJECT: Christmas Festivities, Traditional Dances and Pueblo Clean Up

Uuvi A'gindi, We are pleased to announce that Ohkay Owingeh will proceed with the Christmas Festivities and Traditional Dances as follows:

- Evergreen Pilgrimage
- Matchina Dances
- Turtle Dance including the Evening Dance

We want to thank the people for your collaboration and participation in mitigating the spread of the virus in our community through determination and resiliency. We need to remain cognizant that the virus still exists, therefore, we want you to be aware of restrictions and precautions that will be enforced during this celebration. Please observe the following rules and regulations, as they will be enforced:

- Wear a mask
- Social distance
- Pictures are allowed for Matchina Dances **ONLY**; there will be a fee for non-tribal members and tribal members may offer a donation.

The gates along State Road 74 into the Pueblo will be closed during the festivities. Please use Popay Avenue for entrance to the Pueblo.

A Pueblo Plaza Community Clean Up is scheduled for December 17, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in preparation for the dances. Please remove all excess debris and junk cars from this area.

Our songs and dances are for blessing of good health, wellbeing and preserving our way of life, please be respectful. **Kundawoha.**