

# President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Announces a Major Disaster Declaration for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians

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WASHINGTON -- FEMA announced that federal disaster assistance has been made available to the Poarch Band of Creek Indians to supplement the tribe's efforts in the areas affected by the COVID-19 pandemic beginning on Jan. 20, 2020, and continuing.

The President's action makes federal funding available for crisis counseling for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

Federal funding is also available to the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and certain private nonprofit organizations for emergency protective measures, including direct federal assistance, for the entire tribe impacted by COVID-19 at a 100% federal cost share of total eligible costs.

Gracia B. Szczech has been named as the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal response operations in the affected area. Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the tribe and warranted by the results of further evaluation.

