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**EXECUTIVE ORDER AND STATE OF
EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION
FIRST EXTENSION**

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (“MBCI” or the “Tribe”) approved Ordinance 50-A on July 7, 2008, which contains policies for the operation of the Choctaw Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 50-A, Section VI(1)(b), authorizes the Tribal Chief to declare a state of emergency in the event of an actual or threatened emergency which may endanger the lives, safety, health or welfare of the people on Tribal trust lands, or any part thereof, or which may threaten damage to or destruction of property on said land; and

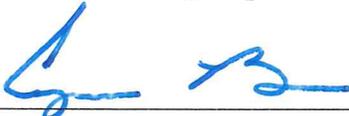
WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, I issued an Executive Order and State of Emergency pursuant to Ordinance 50-A in response to the ongoing public health threat posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the initial Executive Order and State of Emergency proclamation expires on March 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Mississippi continues to increase, with the Mississippi State Department of Health reporting eighty (80) confirmed cases of COVID-19 on March 20, 2020, including one (1) case in Winston County and one (1) case in Jones County, where portions of MBCI’s trust lands are located; and

WHEREAS, an extension of the initial Executive Order and Proclamation shall expire five (5) days from the date of issuance, unless renewed as provided by Ordinance 50-A;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cyrus Ben, Chief of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, pursuant to the authority of Section VI(1)(b) of Ordinance 50-A, declare that a state of emergency continues to exist on Tribal trust lands of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, and all departments, offices, and programs of the Tribe shall continue to render all possible assistance and discharge their emergency responsibilities as set forth in Ordinance 50-A; and I further direct that tribal departments, offices and programs continue to follow all administrative and executive orders and take all necessary steps to seek federal assistance as may be available.



CYRUS BEN, TRIBAL CHIEF

3/20/2020
DATE