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**EXECUTIVE ORDER AND STATE OF EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION  
THIRD 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 25, 2020, I declared a second extension of the Executive Order and State of Emergency Proclamation initially declared on March 15, 2020 in response to the ongoing public health threat posed by Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”); and

**WHEREAS**, I find it necessary to declare a third extension of the initial Executive Order and State of Emergency Proclamation as the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Mississippi continues to increase, with the Mississippi State Department of Health reporting 847 confirmed cases of COVID-19 as of March 29, 2020, and the Choctaw Health Center reporting 1 confirmed case of COVID-19 as of March 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, this third extension of the initial Executive Order and State of Emergency 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, find it necessary to declare a third extension of the Executive Order and State of Emergency Proclamation initially declared on March 15, 2020. 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.

  
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CYRUS BEN, TRIBAL CHIEF

3/30/2020  
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