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### **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-03-A**

**WHEREAS**, on May 9, 2020, I declared an eleventh extension of the Executive Order and State of Emergency Proclamation initially declared on March 15, 2020, pursuant to Ordinance 50-A and in response to the ongoing public health threat posed by Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”); and

**WHEREAS**, Section VI of Ordinance 50-A authorizes the Tribal Chief to prohibit activities or conditions during a State of Emergency to maintain order and protect lives and property for the health or welfare of tribal members; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 16, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 2020-03, which deferred payments to the Tribal Housing Rental Program and the Division of Early Childhood Education for one month only; and

**WHEREAS**, I have determined it is in the best interest of the members of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians that payments due to the Tribal Housing Rental Program and payments due to the Division of Early Childhood Education be deferred until further notice so those funds can be used for other essential needs;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Cyrus Ben, Chief of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, pursuant to the authority of Section VI of Ordinance 50-A, do hereby order and direct that payments due to the Tribal Housing Rental Program and the Division of Early Childhood Education be deferred until further notice. All other directives of Executive Order No. 2020-03 which do not conflict with this Order shall remain in full force and effect.

SO ORDERED, THIS THE 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2020.

  
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CYRUS BEN, TRIBAL CHIEF