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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-04-M**  
**“SHELTER IN PLACE”**  
**THIRTEENTH EXTENSION**

**WHEREAS**, Section VI of Ordinance 50-A authorizes the Tribal Chief to prohibit activities or conditions during a State of Emergency to maintain public order and protect lives and property for the safety, health and welfare of tribal members and to impose prohibitions and restrictions as are necessary to accomplish those goals; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 17, 2020, as an additional measure to disrupt the spread of Coronavirus Disease (“COVID-19”), I issued Executive Order No. 2020-04 pursuant to Ordinance 50-A, which required all persons to temporarily remain in their home or place of residence with certain exceptions and certain businesses and public amenities to temporarily close beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 20, 2020, until April 27, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 24, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 2020-04-A pursuant to Ordinance 50-A, which extended Executive Order No. 2020-04 with additional restrictions until May 4, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 1, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 2020-04-B pursuant to Ordinance 50-A, which extended Executive Order Nos. 2020-04 and 2020-04-A until May 11, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 9, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 2020-04-C pursuant to Ordinance 50-A, which extended Executive Order Nos. 2020-04, 2020-04-A and 2020-04-B until May 18, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 15, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 2020-04-D pursuant to Ordinance 50-A, which extended Executive Order Nos. 2020-04, 2020-04-A, 2020-04-B and 2020-04-C until May 25, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 22, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 2020-04-E pursuant to Ordinance 50-A, which extended Executive Order Nos. 2020-04, 2020-04-A, 2020-04-B, 2020-04-C, and 2020-04-D until June 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 29, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 2020-04-F pursuant to Ordinance 50-A, which extended Executive Order Nos. 2020-04, 2020-04-A, 2020-04-B, 2020-04-C, 2020-04-D, and 2020-04-E until June 8, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 5, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 2020-04-G pursuant to Ordinance 50-A, which extended Executive Order Nos. 2020-04, 2020-04-A, 2020-04-B, 2020-04-C, 2020-04-D, 2020-04-E, and 2020-04-F until June 15, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 14, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 2020-04-H pursuant to Ordinance 50-A, which extended Executive Order Nos. 2020-04, 2020-04-A, 2020-04-B, 2020-04-C, 2020-04-D, 2020-04-E, 2020-04-F, and 2020-04-G until June 22, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 19, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 2020-04-I pursuant to Ordinance 50-A, which extended Executive Order Nos. 2020-04, 2020-04-A, 2020-04-B, 2020-04-C, 2020-04-D, 2020-04-E, 2020-04-F, 2020-04-G, and 2020-04-H until June 29, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 26, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 2020-04-J pursuant to Ordinance 50-A, which extended Executive Order Nos. 2020-04, 2020-04-A, 2020-04-B, 2020-04-C, 2020-04-D, 2020-04-E, 2020-04-F, 2020-04-G, 2020-04-H, and 2020-04-I until July 6, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 4, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 2020-04-K pursuant to Ordinance 50-A, which extended Executive Order Nos. 2020-04, 2020-04-A, 2020-04-B, 2020-04-C, 2020-04-D, 2020-04-E, 2020-04-F, 2020-04-G, 2020-04-H, 2020-04-I, and 2020-04-J until July 13, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 10, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 2020-04-L pursuant to Ordinance 50-A, which extended Executive Order Nos. 2020-04, 2020-04-A, 2020-04-B, 2020-04-C, 2020-04-D, 2020-04-E, 2020-04-F, 2020-04-G, 2020-04-H, 2020-04-I, 2020-04-J, and 2020-04-K until July 20, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 19, 2020, I declared a Twenty-Fifth 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 COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, I find it necessary to extend Executive Order No. 2020-04-L as the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases continues to increase locally, with the Mississippi State Department of Health reporting 42,638 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 and the Choctaw Health Center reporting 1,006 confirmed cases of COVID-19 for persons eligible to receive health care services as of July 16, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Medical Officer of Choctaw Health Center has reviewed the Choctaw Central High School Football Return to Activity Plan which contains precautions and rules for participation in football activities which have been developed to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other sports and activities are preparing Activity Plans for review; and

**WHEREAS**, this extension of Executive Order No. 2020-04-L shall expire at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, July 27, 2020, unless renewed pursuant to Ordinance 50-A or modified pursuant to a subsequent Executive Order;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Cyrus Ben, Chief of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, pursuant to the authority of Ordinance 50-A, find it necessary to extend Executive Order No. 2020-04-L and do hereby order that all directives in Executive Order Nos. 2020-04, 2020-04-A, 2020-04-B, 2020-04-C, 2020-04-D, 2020-04-E, 2020-04-F, 2020-04-G, 2020-04-H, 2020-04-I, 2020-04-J, 2020-04-K, and 2020-04-L (commonly referred to as the “Shelter-in-Place” and “Curfew” Orders) are hereby extended until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, July 27, 2020, with the following exception:

The prohibition on gatherings of ten (10) or more people shall not apply to Choctaw Central High School team practices or other sports or school activities conducted in accordance with the rules and precautions outlined in an Activity Plan reviewed by the Chief Medical Officer of the Choctaw Health Center.

SO ORDERED, THIS THE 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2020.

  
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CYRUS BEN, TRIBAL CHIEF

