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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-04-O
"SHELTER IN PLACE"
FIFTEENTH 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 issued Executive Order No. 2020-04-M 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, 2020-04-K and 2020-04-L until July 20, 2020 with an exception for Choctaw Central High School team sports and school activities conducted in accordance with the rules and precautions outlined in a Return to Activity Plan reviewed by the Chief Medical Officer of the Choctaw Health Center; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 2020-04-N 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, 2020-04-K, 2020-04-L, and 2020-04-M until August 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2020, I declared a Twenty-Seventh 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-N as the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases continues to increase locally, with the Mississippi State Department of Health reporting 58,747 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 as of July 30, 2020, and

the Choctaw Health Center reporting 3,369 confirmed cases of COVID-19 for persons eligible to receive health care services as of July 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, this extension of Executive Order No. 2020-04-N shall expire at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, August 7, 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-M 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, 2020-04-L, 2020-04-M, and 2020-04-N (commonly referred to as the "Shelter-in-Place" and "Curfew" Orders) are hereby extended until 8:00 a.m. on Friday, August 7, 2020, with the following exception:

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

SO ORDERED, THIS THE 31st DAY OF JULY, 2020.

CYRUS BEN, TRIBAL CHIEF

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