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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-08-F**  
**“STAY SAFE”**  
**SIXTH EXTENSION**

**WHEREAS**, Section VI of Ordinance 50-A of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (“MBCI”) 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 August 28, 2020, as an additional measure to contain the spread of Coronavirus Disease (“COVID-19”), I issued Executive Order No. 2020-08, which set forth “Stay Safe” rules to replace previous Executive Orders known as the “Shelter-in-Place” and “Safer at Home” Orders; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 7, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 2020-08-A, which extended Executive Order No. 2020-08 until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, September 14, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 11, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 2020-08-B, which extended Executive Order No. 2020-08-A until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, September 21, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 19, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 2020-08-C, which extended Executive Order No. 2020-08-B until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, September 28, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 28, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 2020-08-D, which extended Executive Order No. 2020-08-C until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 5, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 5, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 2020-08-E, which extended Executive Order No. 2020-08-D and added additional restrictions until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 12, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 7, 2020, I declared a Forty-First 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 COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, I find it necessary to extend Executive Order No. 2020-08-E as there continues to be instances of community transmission of COVID-19 on MBCI tribal lands, with the Choctaw

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Health Center reporting 38 active cases of COVID-19 among persons eligible to receive healthcare services as of October 10, 2020;

**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. 2020-08-E (commonly referred to as the “Stay Safe” Order) and do hereby order that all directives in Executive Order Nos. 2020-08, 2020-08-A, 2020-08-B, 2020-08-C, 2020-08-D and 2020-08-E are hereby extended until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020 with the following modifications:

4. Gatherings. Social Distancing Requirements should be practiced at all gatherings, which shall be limited to the following:
  - A. indoor gatherings of less than ten (10) people (unless more than ten (10) people reside in the same household);
  - B. outdoor gatherings of less than twenty (20) people; and
  - C. this prohibition shall not apply to Essential Business or Operations (including religious entities) that are conducted in accordance with Social Distancing Requirements.
  - D. no indoor or outdoor gatherings shall take place between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.
  
5. B. Individual Food Sales. All individual food sales shall only operate in accordance with applicable guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and prevention to ensure best practices. Door to door food or goodie sales are prohibited. Individuals are encouraged to report unsafe food service practices by calling the We-Tip Anonymous Tip Hotline at 1-855-4-THE-REZ or Choctaw Health Center’s COVID-19 Hotline at (601) 389-4118 or (601) 389-4109.

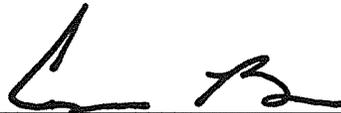
6. Recreation.

- A. Outdoor Recreation. All outdoor recreational areas (including ball fields, playgrounds, and basketball courts) are closed with the exception of those recreational areas located at the Division of Schools, Division of Early Childhood Education and Choctaw Tribal Schools. No Choctaw Tribal School team athletic events shall be held except in accordance with the rules and precautions outlined in a Return to Activity Plan reviewed by the Chief Medical Officer and the Choctaw Public Health Services Department of the Choctaw Health Center.
  
- B. Indoor Recreation. All indoor recreational facilities shall remain closed except for Choctaw Tribal Schools team sports and activities conducted in accordance with the rules

and precautions outlined in a Return to Activity Plan reviewed by the Chief Medical Officer and the Choctaw Public Health Services Department of the Choctaw Health Center.

7. Enforcement. This Executive Order shall be enforced by officers of the MBCI Department of Public Safety to the fullest extent of the law pursuant to Title II, Rule 4(c) of the Choctaw Tribal Code and Section VIII of Ordinance 50-A, which makes it a Class C criminal offense to violate orders or plan and issued pursuant to the authority of Ordinance 50-A, subject to a fine of up to \$50.00 and 30 days in jail and additional civil penalties as outlined in Ordinance 50-A.

SO ORDERED, THIS THE 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.



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CYRUS BEN, TRIBAL CHIEF

10/12/2020  
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