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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT SYSTEM REGARDING THE EMERGENCY SUSPENSION OF NORMAL TRIBAL COURT OPERATIONS THROUGH MARCH 31, 2020 IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) EMERGENCY ORDER AND STATE OF EMERGENCY PROCLAMATIONS CURRENTLY IN EFFECT.

Today an Emergency Administrative Order was put into place by the Chief Justice of the Choctaw Tribal Court.

This Emergency Administrative Order temporarily suspends the normal operations of all Choctaw Tribal Courts through March 31, 2020.

This Order is issued in response to the Executive Order and State of Emergency Proclamation announced by the Tribal Chief and is in the courts' efforts to prevent any possible spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) through the conducting of normal judicial and other legal operations of our court systems.

This ordered suspension is a temporary action covering the next two calendar weeks through March 31, 2020. It shall give additional time in which to gather more information and guidance on what further or different actions might be required of our courts and court operations in this time of declared national emergency.

Both state and federal courts throughout the State of Mississippi and the nation are taking this same action.

During this fourteen-day period we, together with all other branches of our tribal government, shall be working together to determine and put into place an ongoing course of action and operations.

From time-to-time further Administrative Orders and announcements may be issued and published as needed to clarify and implement any further special actions to be taken or followed in regards to ensuring greater protection for the general welfare and health of the general and tribal public and their access and activities related to our courts.

Posted with this message is a copy of the Court's Emergency Administrative Order – 1 captioned: *IN RE: EMERGENCY ORDER RELATED TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19).*

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