MEMORANDUM

TO: All Tribal Government Employees
FROM: Tribal Chief Cyrus Ben
DATE: 30 March 2020
RE: Extension of Partial Shutdown of Tribal Government Due to COVID-19

Effective March 30, 2020, I am ordering an extension of the partial shutdown of the MBCI Government Operations until further notice to maximize social distancing for the protection of employees and the public. These measures are necessary to minimize personal interaction and risk of possible transmission of COVID-19 between employees and between employees and the public.

Tribal Government functions will continue on a limited basis. If you have not already been notified by your supervisor on whether to report to work, please contact your department director. Employees who are notified to remain at home are on emergency leave and will be paid. However, all employees are subject to being called back to work on an as needed basis. Again, this partial shutdown will be effective until further notice. Please continue to monitor the Tribe’s social media postings or periodically contact your supervisor on further instructions on when to return to work.

Regarding Staying at Home:
These government measures are for the safety of the public. While you are off work, you should avoid all unnecessary events, athletic functions, travel or interaction, and stay at home except to receive medical care or to address other essential needs. It is vitally important that we take this pandemic seriously as we all exercise vigilance in containment efforts of this highly contagious virus. Together we can slow the spread of this disease and protect those at higher risk of severe illness and our health care workers from becoming sick.

[Signature]
Tribal Chief Cyrus Ben

C: Richard Sockey, Committee System Coordinator
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