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The National Hurricane Center issued a hurricane and storm surge warning for the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Hurricane conditions are expected in the next 36 hours and forecasts Tropical Storm Nate to become a Category 2 Hurricane with winds near 96-110 mph and possible 3-6 feet storm surge above ground. Hurricane Nate is projected to make landfall Saturday afternoon into Sunday morning. As the Tribal Chief, it is important that I and tribal emergency officials prepare our tribe for impending severe weather. For that reason I am declaring a State of Emergency. This is a precautionary measure we are taking to ensure all available resources are at our disposal should the storm worsen.

A storm of this effect could possibly bring high winds, substantial amount of rain, flooding and the threat of tornado activity. A 24-hour emergency preparedness hotline has been established for tribal members at (601) 650-3600. I urge you to use this communication line for updates.

It is important to me that you and your loved ones stay safe. I encourage those who need a safe place for refuge, especially those living in mobile homes, to stay with family or friends. At this time, MBCI has not opened a shelter but is working with the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to provide shelters for those tribal members displaced. We will continue to monitor the need for additional shelters and should the need arise, we will make new ones available. The list of MEMA approved shelters are scheduled to open on Saturday, October 7, 2017 and are listed below:

Jackson County-8:00 a.m. opening

East Jackson County Safe Room, 18413 Highway 613, Hurley, MS 39555

Central Jackson County Community Safe Room, 5500 Ball Park Rd, Vancleave, MS 39565

West Jackson County Safe Room, 13000 Walker Rd, Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Harrison County-2:00 p.m. opening

County Farm Rd Safe Room, 15035 County Farm Rd., Gulfport, MS 39503

D'Iberville High School, 15625 Lamey Bridge Rd, Biloxi, MS 39532

West Harrison High School, 10399 County Farm Rd, Gulfport, MS 39503

Lobouy Safe Room, 9509 Lobouy Rd, Pass Christian, MS 39571

Saucier/Lizana Safe Room, 23771 Saucier-Lizana Rd, Saucier, MS 39574

Forrest County-2:00 p.m. opening

Forrest County Safe Room, 946 Sullivan Drive, Hattiesburg, MS 39401

George County-4:00 p.m. opening

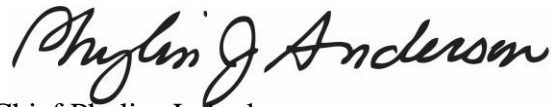
Agricola Community Center, 3161 Cooks Corner Rd, Lucedale, MS 39452

Benndale Community Center, 5207 Hwy 26 W, Lucedale, MS 39452

Please be mindful to prepare your households with non-perishable food items, medical supplies/medication and any basic necessities that you deem necessary until the storm has passed through our area. Our emergency responders and essential personnel are on stand-by to respond to critical situations.

Tribal offices will remain open next week and we will conduct business as usual unless the storm conditions worsen. I encourage those traveling to practice good judgment and stay safe. Again we are monitoring the storm hour-by-hour and will disseminate updates through all forms of available communication including local radio, television, [www.choctaw.org](http://www.choctaw.org), Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Facebook page and Alert FM.

Many Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phyllis J. Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chief Phyllis J. Anderson,  
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians