EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-04-A
“SHELTER IN PLACE”
FIRST EXTENSION WITH ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS

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 a measure to disrupt the spread of 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 to the public until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2020, I declared an eighth 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 Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, I find it necessary to extend Executive Order No. 2020-04 as the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases on Choctaw Indian lands continues to increase, with the Choctaw Health Center reporting 60 confirmed cases of COVID-19 as of April 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, this extension of Executive Order No. 2020-04 shall expire on Monday, May 4, 2020, at 8:00 a.m., 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 and do hereby order and direct as follows:

1. that all directives of Executive Order No. 2020-04 “Shelter In Place” be and they are hereby extended until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, May 4th, 2020, with the following additional restrictions to take effect on Sunday, April 26, 2020:

   A. There shall be no travel on Choctaw Indian lands between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. except
      i) travel to or from work at an Essential Business or Operation on Choctaw Indian Lands as defined in Executive Order 2020-04 or off-reservation employment or...
ii) travel for Emergency Health Care.


CYRILS BEN, TRIBAL CHIEF    DATE

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