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**Executive Order No. 20-0427-01**

**Sixth Update to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response:  
Extension of Current Orders**

*Section 1. Authority to Act.* The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is a federally-recognized sovereign Tribal nation retaining all inherent powers of self-government. Pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the Tribal Constitution, the Executive Powers of the Tribe are vested in the Tribal Ogema. Among these is the authority to enforce and execute the laws of the Tribe, to oversee the administration and management of the Tribal government in accordance with the laws, resolutions and motions adopted by Tribal Council, and to manage the enterprises and lands of the tribe. Article V, Section 5(a).

Executive Orders Number 20-0313-01, 20-0316-01, 20-0323-01, 20-0326-01, 20-0408-01, and 20-0415-01 were issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic with the Ogema providing guidance to personnel for travel restrictions and attendance concerns, limiting working government staff to only those areas critical for members' services and restricting access to facilities to discourage public meetings and gatherings. Further, Executive Order 20-0320-01 Declared a State of Emergency for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Tribal Council also issued Tribal Council Resolution #20-0320-096, Declaring a State of Emergency.

*Section 2. Purpose; Findings.* The purpose of this Order is to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the community because it is the Ogema's responsibility to oversee and manage the Tribal government and properties. The situation continues to develop quickly and we are monitoring several announcements from our home state of Michigan, include a stay at home order for all non-essential workers and the temporary closure of many businesses. We are also monitoring the federal government guidance from the Centers for Disease Control.

*Section 3. Specific Action.* The Ogema hereby announces the following actions:

- a. Extension of the series of Executive Orders for the Tribe's response to COVID-19 through May 15, 2020 with the below exception. Further, if it becomes safe to re-open tribal entities and properties prior to the date identified in this order or it

becomes necessary to extend the closure, either event will be announced with a superseding Executive Order as soon as notice is possible. It may take several days to prepare the properties to re-open.

b. Exception:

1. The Ogema orders the re-opening of the Bear Lakes Highlands Golf Course as soon as practicable with the following social distancing protocols:

In-person work is permitted however, the following additional measures shall also be taken:

A. Barring gatherings of any size in which people cannot maintain six feet of distance from one another. For this reason, parties will be required to walk the course unless otherwise required under tribal, state and federal law.

B. Limiting in-person interaction with clients and patrons to the maximum extent possible.

C. Providing personal protective equipment such as gloves, goggles, face shields, and face masks as appropriate for the activity being performed.

D. Adopting protocols to limit the sharing of tools and equipment to the maximum extent possible and to ensure frequent and thorough cleaning of tools, equipment, and frequently touched surfaces.

c. In further consideration of the prevention of virus spreading the Ogema is requiring the following minimum considerations for those essential employees working in Tribal Government Offices:

1. Since your last day of work or since your last visit to the Tribal Government Offices, have you had any of the following:

A. Have you had any recent travel?

B. A new fever? This may be dependent upon the person but a guideline is 100.4° or higher.

C. A new cough that you cannot attribute to another health condition?

D. New shortness of breath that you cannot attribute to another health condition?

E. A new sore throat that you cannot attribute to another health condition?

F. New muscle aches that you cannot attribute to another health condition, or that may have been caused by a specific activity such as physical exercise?

G. Have you had any exposure to anyone you've known to have tested positive for COVID-19?

2. If an employee answers YES to any of the screening questions, please contact your direct supervisor for instructions on how to proceed. The Tribe is developing policies to allow for work from home, quarantine and additional screenings if necessary.

d. Creation of tribal government re-opening plan to be issued via executive order in the coming weeks. A group of executive employees working in conjunction with the Tribal Incident Commander and the Ogema are drafting a plan and policies to safely facilitate re-opening of the government offices.

*Section 4. Repeal.* This Executive Order does not repeal any existing Executive Orders however where previous executive orders related to COVID-19 Response contradict or differ, this order supersedes those orders and shall be considered to control for the purposes of interpretation.

*Section 5. Effective Date and Duration of the Order.* This Executive Order shall be effective immediately upon execution by the Ogema, and shall remain in effect until a superseding order is issued.

*Section 6. Goals.* The Office of the Ogema will continue to monitor the situation, including issuing additional orders as is necessary. The goal of this order and all orders related to this world-wide crisis is to stem the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus and ensure the health and safety of our community.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

  
Larry B. Romanelli, Tribal Ogema

Dated: 4-27-2020