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**Executive Order No. 20-0609-01**

**Ninth Update to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response:**
**Stay At Home/Shelter in Place Lifted**

*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, 20-0415-01, 20-0427-01, 20-0511-01 and 20-0527-01 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 July 31, 2020 with the below exceptions and updates.
b. Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on June 10, 2020, shelter at home required under Executive Order #20-0326-01 is no longer in effect. However, all Tribal community residents are

asked to continue to use caution and limit exposure to the community as much as possible when considering visitors and gatherings, including maintaining social distancing of at least six (6) feet from any other individual from outside your household.

c. Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on June 10, 2020, allow indoor social gatherings not to exceed 50 people and outdoor social gatherings and events up to 250 people. This announcement is not intended to impact any events that have already been canceled. All participants are still required to observe safety protocols such as maintaining social distancing from those outside your household members.
d. Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on June 10, 2020, permit the reopening of the Tribal government playground to the community. The Tribal government campground will remain closed until further notice.
e. Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on June 10, 2020, a building's total occupancy shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the building's maximum occupant load for all businesses permitted to reopen by Executive Order, including Executive Order #20-0427-01 and Executive Order #20-0527-01.
f. Tribal government offices that are currently closed will remain closed at this time. However, some essential employees have returned to the offices beginning this week to prepare for a phased re-opening. Tribal government employees must observe health and safety protocols at all times in the government buildings.

*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:

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Dated: 6-9-2020