

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

Executive Office of the Governor & Lieutenant Governor

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Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor



Robert Stone
Lieutenant Governor

SECOND AMENDED EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2 REGARDING SCHOOL OPERATION DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, I issued an Executive Order (now referred to as Executive Order No. 1 Regarding Coronavirus Pandemic) regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and measures to be taken in the Gila River Indian Community to address the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, I issued an Executive Order No. 2 Regarding Coronavirus Pandemic to direct that all schools within the Gila River Indian Reservation to close from March 16, 2020 through March 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, I issued an Amended Executive Order No. 2 Regarding Coronavirus Pandemic, which extended school closures through April 10, 2020, and directed all schools to develop and implement a plan for providing meals for students and other school-aged children and for funding such meals; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has not abated in Arizona or in the Community sufficiently for the Community to relax measures taken to protect the public health and welfare of Community members and others, but has, in fact, surged in recent months, further deepening the public health crisis we face; and

WHEREAS, the Community must continue diligence in its efforts and direct measures to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor of the Gila River Indian Community, through the authority granted to me in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community and Title 1 of the Gila River Indian Community Code, hereby order as follows:

First, I hereby direct that all schools within the boundaries of the Gila River Indian Reservation shall provide education to the students enrolled in the school only through virtual classes or distance learning, and not through in-person on-site classes, from the date that each such school decides to commence classes for its students through at least October 5, 2020. I will assess health and safety factors affecting education on Reservation during the month of September, 2020, and determine whether to extend this period of virtual classes and distance learning for all schools on Reservation.

To the greatest extent possible, schools should offer synchronous learning where teachers provide instruction in real-time. In-person classes may resume on October 5, 2020, unless upon review I determine it is in the best interests of the Community to extend the period of virtual classes or distance learning.

Second, I hereby direct each school within the boundaries of the Gila River Indian Reservation to develop and implement a plan for providing meals while practicing COVID-19 prevention measures for students and other school-aged children using existing resources that each such school has available to it, and to the extent such meal programs exceed the resources available to these schools, the schools may request such funding as may be necessary from the Community Treasurer.

DONE THIS 30th DAY OF JULY, 2020.

BY 
GOVERNOR STEPHEN ROE LEWIS

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SEVENTH AMENDED EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 5 REGARDING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, I issued an Executive Order (now referred to as Executive Order No. 1 Regarding Coronavirus Pandemic) declaring a public health State of Emergency in the Gila River Indian Community regarding the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 5 Regarding Coronavirus Pandemic, which ordered a partial shutdown of the Community government; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2020, I issued Amended Executive Order No. 5 Regarding Coronavirus Pandemic, extending the partial government shutdown to May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2020, I issued Second Amended Executive Order No. 5 Regarding Coronavirus Pandemic, extending the partial government shutdown to May 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2020, I issued Third Amended Executive Order No. 5 Regarding Coronavirus Pandemic, extending the partial government shutdown to May 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2020, I issued Fourth Amended Executive Order No. 5 Regarding Coronavirus Pandemic, extending the partial government shutdown to June 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2020, I issued Fifth Amended Executive Order No. 5 Regarding Coronavirus Pandemic, extending the partial government shutdown to July 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2020, I issued Sixth Amended Executive Order No. 5 Regarding Coronavirus Pandemic, extending the partial government shutdown to August 2, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, the Community must continue diligence in its efforts and direct measures to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor of the Gila River Indian Community, through the authority granted to me in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community and Title 1 of the Gila River Indian Community Code, hereby order as follows:

I hereby amend Executive Order No. 5 and extend the partial closure of all Community government departments and offices until September 7, 2020, and all Community employees will return to work on September 8, 2020, unless this order is further extended. The extended closure is to address the ongoing high numbers of COVID-19 cases in Arizona and to facilitate continuation of the Community's COVID-19 testing program and other mitigation efforts. Certain employees may be directed to return to the Community workplace prior to September 8, 2020 as needed. Department directors are directed to develop and submit plans to immediately utilize teleworking or other alternative safe work arrangements for as many employees as practical, and to submit those plans to the Office of Community Manager. Once employees return to the workplace, wearing of appropriate protective masks at the Community workplace at all times shall be mandatory when in the proximity of other employees (less than 6 feet) until further notice.

All other provisions of Executive Order No. 5 shall continue to remain in effect until September 7, 2020.

DONE THIS 30th DAY OF JULY, 2020.

BY



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THIRD AMENDED EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 6 REGARDING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, I issued an Executive Order (now referred to as Executive Order No. 1 Regarding Coronavirus Pandemic) regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and measures to be taken in the Gila River Indian Community to address the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, since March 13, 2020, I have issued various Executive Orders to address the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 6 Regarding Coronavirus Pandemic, instituting a "Stay at Home" Order for the Gila River Indian Community, to remain in effect through April 30, 2020, and which excluded certain Essential Activities; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, I issued Amended Executive Order No. 6 Regarding Coronavirus Pandemic, extending the "Stay at Home" Order through May 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2020, I issued Second Amended Executive Order No. 6 Regarding Coronavirus Pandemic, reinstating the "Stay at Home" Order through August 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, after the prior "Stay at Home" Order issued in the State of Arizona expired, Arizona experienced a dramatic increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations; and

WHEREAS, the Community must continue diligence in its efforts and direct measures to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor of the Gila River Indian Community, through the authority granted to me in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community and Title 1 of the Gila River Indian Community Code, hereby order as follows:

First, I hereby extend the “Stay at Home” provisions of Executive Order No. 6, as amended and as stated below, to remain in effect through September 7, 2020. Individuals within the boundaries of the Gila River Indian Reservation shall limit their time away from their place of residence or property except to conduct certain Essential Activities as described in this Order.

Second, Essential Activities include, but are not limited to, the following activities:

- Seeking medical care or assisting others to seek medical care;
- Providing care for a family member, friend, or animal in another household;
- Obtaining food and necessary household supplies and services, including obtaining such items for those in need of assistance such as children, Elders and the disabled;
- Engaging in outdoor physical activities, such as exercise, while maintaining appropriate physical distancing from others;
- Farming or ranching activities, including tending to crops or livestock, or related activities;
- Traveling to and from a place of employment;
- Travel to or from a school located on the Gila River Indian Reservation for the purposes of delivering or receiving instructional packets or meals for school-age children; and
- Travel related to an Essential Activity.

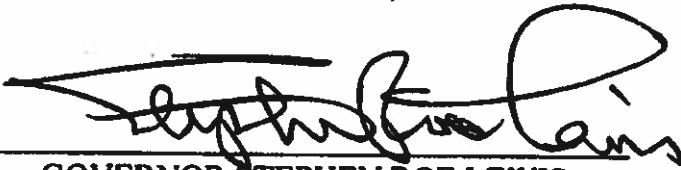
Third, the Gila River Police Department is authorized and directed to enforce this executive order under the following provisions of the Gila River Indian Community Code:

- Community members who violate this executive order will be cited under GRIC Code § 5.1003, “Criminal Nuisance,” which prohibits conduct which recklessly creates or maintains a condition which endangers the safety or health of others, and is punishable by up to 30 days in jail or a fine of up to \$500 or both. Juveniles may also be charged with a curfew violation under GRIC Code § 7.602; and
- Non-members who violate this executive order will be cited under GRIC Code § 8.203, “Civil Trespass,” which prohibits acts by a non-member that would constitute a criminal violation if committed by a member. and may subject the

individual to a fine of up to \$500, or possibly more, as well as immediate removal from the Gila River Indian Reservation.

Fourth, this executive order does not affect the operations of any commercial or business enterprise on the Gila River Indian Reservation, and Community government operations shall continue to be subject to Executive Order No. 5, as amended.

DONE THIS 30th DAY OF JULY, 2020.

BY 
GOVERNOR STEPHEN ROE LEWIS

