

1 **IN THE SAC & FOX TRIBE OF THE MISSISSIPPI IN IOWA TRIBAL COURT**
2 **COURT OF APPEALS**

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4 **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

Order No.: **AO-2024-002**

5 **In re: Building Closure (Inclement**
6 **Weather)**

7 **WHEREAS**, the establishment of an “an integrated judicial department to be known as the
8 Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa Tribal Court and consisting of a Court of Appeals, a
9 Trial Court, and such lower or intermediate courts as the Tribal Council deems necessary” is set
10 forth in the DISPUTE RESOLUTION CODE, at Title Five, art. II, § 5-201; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, the Chief Justice “shall exercise the Court of Appeals’ administrative
13 supervision over all the Trial Courts and Judges” and “. . . may make administrative. . . orders”
14 pursuant to Title Five, art. II, §§ 5-2209(a); 5-2210(b); and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Court of Appeals shall have the power and duty to “promulgate rules and
16 policies regulating the internal and administrative operations of the Tribal Court and its clerks and
17 staff” pursuant to Title Five, art. II, §5-2207(d); and

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19 **WHEREAS**, an “Inclement Weather Policy” was previously issued as Administrative Order
20 AO-2014-001; and

21 **WHEREAS**, serving the public is a priority for the Judiciary, as is the safety and
22 consideration of its litigants, witnesses, victims, employees, and other interested parties; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Meskwaki Tribal Executive Directed issued a governmental operations
24 closure due to winter storm, effective January 8, 2024 at 12 p.m. CST through January 9, 2024; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Administrative Order AO-2024-001 was issued on January 8, 2024; and

26 **WHEREAS**, said Order indicated the Meskwaki Tribal Court operations shall resume at
27 8:00 a.m. CST on Wednesday, January 10, 2024; and
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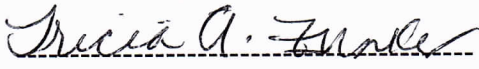
1 **WHEREAS**, on January 10, 2024, the Meskwaki Tribal Executive Director issued an
2 additional governmental operations closure due to winter storm effective for January 10, 2024;
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4 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF JUSTICE ENTERS**
5 **THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER EFFECTIVE UPON THE DATE OF**
6 **SIGNATURE:**
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8 Meskwaki Tribal Court shall be closed for business on Wednesday,
9 January 10, 2024 in response to inclement weather and shall resume
10 operations on Thursday, January 11, 2024. Consequently, the
11 Judiciary shall extend all case filing deadlines of 1/8/24, 1/9/24, and
1/10/24 one business day to Thursday, January 11, 2024. Likewise,
the Trial Court shall reschedule cases that would have otherwise
occurred during this timeframe.

12 So ORDERED this 10th day of January, 2024.
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15 BY THE COURT:


Tricia A. Zunker
Chief Justice
Meskwaki Court of Appeals