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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

In re: Building Closure (Inclement Weather)

Order No.: AO-2024-004

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

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

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

WHEREAS, an "Inclement Weather Policy" was previously issued as Administrative Order AO-2014-001; and

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

WHEREAS, the Meskwaki Tribal Executive Director issued a governmental operations closure due to winter storm, effective January 11, 2024 at 1 p.m. CST through January 12, 2024;

WHEREAS, by e-mail on January 14, 2024, the Meskwaki Tribal Executive Director extended the governmental operations closure due to extreme cold temperatures through January 15, 2024;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF JUSTICE ENTERS THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER EFFECTIVE UPON THE DATE OF SIGNATURE: Meskwaki Tribal Court shall remain closed for business on Monday, January 15, 2024 in response to inclement weather and shall resume operations on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 8 a.m. CST. The Judiciary shall extend all case filing deadlines of 1/11/24, 1/12/24, and 1/15/24 one business day to Tuesday, January 16, 2024. Likewise, the Trial Court shall reschedule cases that would have otherwise occurred during this timeframe. So ORDERED this 14th day of January, 2024. Trinia a Zunle BY THE COURT: Tricia A. Zunker Chief Justice Meskwaki Court of Appeals