

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-2024-005**

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

18 **WHEREAS**, an “Inclement Weather Policy” was previously issued as Administrative Order
19 AO-2014-001; and
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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 Director issued a governmental operations
24 closure due to winter storm, effective January 11, 2024 at 1 p.m. CST through January 12, 2024;
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26 **WHEREAS**, by e-mail on January 14, 2024, the Meskwaki Tribal Executive Director
27 extended the governmental operations closure due to extreme cold temperatures through January 15,
28 2024;

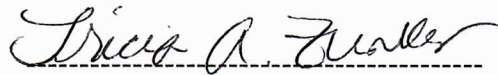
1 **WHEREAS**, by e-mail on January 15, 2024, the Meskwaki Tribal Executive Director
2 extended the governmental operations closure due to extreme cold temperatures through January 16,
3 2024;

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 remain closed for business on Tuesday,
9 January 16, 2024 in response to inclement weather and shall resume
10 operations on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 8 a.m. CST. The
11 Judiciary shall extend all case filing deadlines of 1/11/24, 1/12/24,
1/15/24, and 1/16/24 one business day to Wednesday, January 17,
2024. Likewise, the Trial Court shall reschedule cases that would
have otherwise occurred during this timeframe.

12 So ORDERED this 15th day of January, 2024.

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15 BY THE COURT:



Tricia A. Zunker
Chief Justice
Meskwaki Court of Appeals