

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

ISSUED

JAN 17 2024 NB

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4 **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

Order No.: AO-2024-006
MESKWAHIA NATION TRIBAL COURT
SAC & FOX TRIBE
OF THE MISSISSIPPI IN IOWA

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

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

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

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

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

21 **WHEREAS**, on January 17, 2024, the Meskwaki Tribal Executive Director issued a
22 governmental operations closure due to dangerous wind chills, effective January 18, 2024 and
23 January 19, 2024;
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1 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF JUSTICE ENTERS**
2 **THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER EFFECTIVE UPON THE DATE OF**
3 **SIGNATURE:**

4 Meskwaki Tribal Court shall be closed for business on Thursday,
5 January 18, 2024 and Friday, January 19, 2024 in response to
6 inclement weather and shall resume operations on Monday, January
7 22, 2024 at 8 a.m. CST. Any statutorily-required criminal
8 proceedings shall occur on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 11 a.m.
9 CST and Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 11 a.m. CST, *if necessary*.
The Judiciary shall extend all case filing deadlines of 1/18/24 and
1/19/24 one business day to Monday, January 22, 2024. Likewise, the
Trial Court shall reschedule cases that would have otherwise occurred
during this timeframe.

10 So ORDERED this 17th day of January, 2024.

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13 BY THE COURT:



Tricia A. Zunker
Chief Justice
Meskwaki Court of Appeals