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-2024-007

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, on March 22, 2024, the Meskwaki Tribal Interim Executive Director issued a governmental operations closure due to inclement weather;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF JUSTICE ENTERS THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER EFFECTIVE UPON THE DATE OF **SIGNATURE:** Meskwaki Tribal Court shall be closed for business on Friday, March 22, 2024 in response to inclement weather and shall resume operations on Monday, March 25, 2024 at 8 a.m. CST. The Judiciary shall extend all case filing deadlines of March 22, 2024 one business day to Monday, March 25, 2024. Likewise, the Trial Court shall reschedule cases that would have otherwise occurred during this timeframe. So ORDERED this 22nd day of March, 2024. Trucia a. Funcer BY THE COURT: Tricia A. Zunker Chief Justice Meskwaki Court of Appeals