EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 5 REGARDING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, I issued an Executive Order (now referred to as Executive Order No. 1 Regarding Coronavirus Pandemic) declaring a public health State of Emergency in the Gila River Indian Community regarding the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020 through March 23, 2020, I have issued various Executive Orders to address the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Community must act immediately in the health, safety and welfare of its employees, many of whom are within high risk categories for coronavirus/COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Community must continue diligence in its efforts and direct measures to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor of the Gila River Indian Community, through the authority granted to me in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community and Title 1 of the Gila River Indian Community Code, hereby order as follows:

First, I hereby order the closure of all Community government departments and offices effective today, March 23, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. for period of thirty (30) days, through Wednesday, April 22, 2020. This closure order excludes public safety departments including the Gila River Police Department, Gila River Fire Department, Department of Rehabilitation & Supervision, and the Office of Emergency Management. The Community Courts, Office of the Prosecutor and Defense Services Office will operate with essential staff only.

Second, certain other Department Directors and employees will be subject to specific duties addressing Community needs relating to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, as directed by the Office of the Community Manager.
Third, Community employees who are affected by this closure shall continue to receive salary and benefits. All employees who are able to do so shall work from home and be available via e-mail, telephone or videoconferencing during regular work hours.

Fourth, this order does not affect the operations of the Gila River Health Care Corporation.

DONE THIS 23rd DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

BY

GOVERNOR STEPHEN ROE LEWIS