

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR & LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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COMPREHENSIVE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10 REGARDING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, from March 13, 2020 through October 2, 2020, I issued eight separate Executive Orders addressing various aspects of the coronavirus pandemic, ranging from a declaration of a public emergency to a requirement that all persons wear a mask while on the Gila River Indian Community Reservation; and

WHEREAS, I amended these separate Executive Orders on numerous occasions to extend and clarify them as necessary; and

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2020, I issued a new comprehensive Executive Order No. 9 that combined these prior Executive Orders into one single order, setting forth the numerous elements of our governmental response to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, I have amended Executive Order No. 9 on two occasions to both address necessary clarifications, and also to extend its effect until April 12, 2021, in order to provide necessary time to consider important possible modifications to the pandemic restrictions contained therein; and

WHEREAS, I have had the opportunity to consult with the Community Council, the Tribal Health Department, the Tribal Education Department, the Unified Command of the Community's COVID-19 Task Force, and many other interested parties and entities on the Community's approach as we enter a new, more hopeful phase of our pandemic response; and

WHEREAS, as part of our pandemic response, the Community has emphasized the importance of COVID-19 vaccines and made them available to all members of the Community over the age of sixteen, all employees of the Community and its enterprises, and all residents of any household in which a Community member resides; and,

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WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Community under this Executive Order to encourage all those eligible to receive a vaccine take their vaccine at the earliest opportunity because future relaxation of pandemic restrictions will rely upon a high level of vaccine protection for the Community and its members; and

WHEREAS, due to the rise of new variants of the coronavirus, the Community must continue to be diligent in its efforts to address the coronavirus pandemic and take aggressive measures to continue to protect our Members and the public at large from this disease and the dangerous variants of it that are now afflicting our State and our Community.

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 rescind Executive Orders 1 through 9, and all amendments to such orders, effective immediately, and replace those orders with this new Executive Order No. 10, which includes all requirements and measures that are to remain in effect from this date until the date ascribed herein for expiration, or until this Executive Order is otherwise amended or rescinded by a subsequent amendment or Executive Order.

Second, for purposes of this Executive Order No. 10, the following terms shall have the definitions set forth below:

- a. "Community COVID-19 State of Emergency" means the public health State of Emergency in the Gila River Indian Community regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic declared in the Third Clause of this Executive Order No. 10.
- b. "Community Public Safety Departments" means the Gila River Police Department, the Gila River Fire Department, the Department of Rehabilitation & Supervision, the Tribal Health Department, and the Office of Emergency Management.
- c. "COVID-19 Pandemic" means the ongoing pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).
- d. "Essential Activities" include the following activities:
 - Seeking medical care or assisting others to seek medical care;
 - Providing care for a family member, friend, or animal in another household;
 - Obtaining food and necessary household supplies and services, including obtaining such items for those in need of assistance such as children, Elders, and the disabled;