

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

Executive Office of the Governor & Lieutenant Governor

“Putting Our People First”

Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor



Robert Stone
Lieutenant Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency to address the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, State of Arizona Governor Douglas A. Ducey issued a declaration of a public health emergency in the State of Arizona due to the need to address, prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, other western states and the Navajo Nation has declared a state of emergency due to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has officially declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is contagious and can be fatal; and

WHEREAS, elderly persons and those with chronic medical conditions, such as diabetes, are at a higher risk of complications from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Community must take direct measures to address the COVID-19.

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 declare a public health State of Emergency in the Gila River Indian Community until further notice regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Second, the Community is immediately suspending all travel for Community employees for the next 30 days unless deemed necessary and approved by the Executive Office. This suspension applies to all travel that normally requires authorization under the Community's Travel Policy, adopted by Resolution GR-125-12, as amended.

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