



MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE

Executive Branch of Tribal Government

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-05

PROVIDING A STAY AT HOME ORDER FOR ALL PERSONS ENROLLED WITH THE NON-REMOVABLE MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS OR ANY OTHER FEDERALLY-RECOGNIZED TRIBE

Section 1. Findings

The Chief Executive finds and determines that:

- (a) the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Bands of Chippewa Indians is in a State of Emergency pursuant to Executive Order 2020-03 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 continues to rise throughout the State of Minnesota and the United States;
- (c) Governor Tim Walz of the State of Minnesota issued Executive Order 20-20 directing Minnesotans to stay at home; and
- (d) it is necessary to implement further actions to protect the public's health and safety.

Section 2. Sources of Authority

The Chief Executive issues this executive order pursuant to 4 MLBSA § 6(e) and 27 MLBSA § 4.

Section 3. Order to Remain Within Homes

All persons enrolled with the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Bands of Chippewa Indians or any other federally-recognized tribe residing within the territorial jurisdiction of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Bands of Chippewa Indians are ordered to stay at home or place of residence except to engage in activities described in Sections 4 through 7.

Section 4. Permitted Activities

All persons enrolled with the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Bands of Chippewa Indians and any other federally-recognized tribe may:

- (a) obtain necessary supplies and services for family or household members and pets, such as groceries, food and supplies for household consumption and use, supplies and equipment needed to work from home, and products necessary to maintain safety, sanitation, and essential maintenance of the home or residence;
- (b) engage in activities essential for the health and safety of family, household members and pets, including seeking medical or behavioral health or emergency services and obtaining medical supplies or medication;
- (c) care for a family member, friend, or pet in another household or residence, and to transport a family member, friend, or pet for essential health and safety activities, and to obtain necessary supplies and services; and
- (d) engage in outdoor exercise activities, such as walking, hiking, running, or biking, but only if appropriate social distancing practices are used.

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Section 5. Special Circumstances

(a) This executive order does not apply to:

- (1) **At-Risk Individuals:** Individuals whose homes or residences are unsafe or become unsafe for adults or children, such as victims of domestic violence or concerns for child safety protection or endangerment, but are urged to call 911 and leave their homes or residences and stay at a safe alternate location.
- (2) **Individuals Experiencing Homelessness:** Individuals experiencing homeless are urged to obtain shelter, and governmental and other entities are strongly encouraged to make such shelter available as soon as possible and to the maximum extent practicable.

Section 6. Cultural Activities

This executive order does not limit the right of individuals to engage in ceremonial or religious activities or gathering of food and medicines for traditional purposes.

Section 7. Government Personnel and Law Enforcement

This executive order does not apply to government personnel designated as critical, emergency management personnel, or the Mille Lacs Band Tribal Police Department.

Section 8. Effective Date and Duration of Executive Order

This executive order shall effectuate on Friday, March 27, 2020 at 11:59 pm and remain in effect until rescinded by subsequent executive order or termination of the current state of emergency.

Dated this 25th Day of March, 2020



Chief Executive Melanie Benjamin

Official Seal of the Band

