

# GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

*Executive Office of the Governor & Lieutenant Governor*

*“Putting Our People First”*

*Stephen Roe Lewis*  
Governor



*Robert Stone*  
Lieutenant Governor

## **AMENDED EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4 REGARDING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, I issued an Executive Order (now referred to as Executive Order No. 1 Regarding Coronavirus Pandemic) regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and measures to be taken in the Gila River Indian Community to address the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, since March 13, 2020, I have issued various Executive Orders to address the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, including ordering the temporary closure of schools within the boundaries of the Gila River Indian Reservation and a partial closure of the Community government; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 4 Regarding Coronavirus Pandemic which, in part, designated certain Community entities as “First Responders” during the coronavirus pandemic; 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 designate and authorize the following departments, programs and entities to situationally receive protected health information (“PHI”) during the coronavirus pandemic in discharging their duties, including “First Responders,” as well as other departments, programs and entities authorized to receive information:

- All Public Safety Departments of the Community, including the Gila River Police Department, Gila River Fire Department, Department of Rehabilitation & Supervision, and Office of Emergency Management;

- The Gila River Health Care Corporation;
- The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA) Administrator and the Gila River Telecommunications Incorporated (GRTI) Administrator, for utility workers who are conducting work within the Gila River Indian Community Reservation; and
- The Community Services Department (Director, Deputy Director, District Coordinators, Assistant District Coordinators), the Department of Community Housing (Director, Deputy Director), the Department of Housing Development (Director, Deputy Director), and Tribal Social Services (Child & Family Welfare Administrator and Crime Victim Services Coordinator).

**Second**, departments, programs and entities identified in this Executive Order shall follow the guidelines contained in “COVID-19 and HIPAA: Disclosures to law enforcement, paramedics, and other first responders and public health authorities,” published by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Civil Rights.

**Third**, I hereby designate as First Responders all utility workers who are conducting work within the Gila River Indian Community Reservation, including employees of the Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA) and the Gila River Telecommunications Incorporated (GRTI).

**Fourth**, no household or business shall have its utilities disconnected by GRICUA or GRTI until the expiration of the declaration of a public health State of Emergency in the Gila River Indian Community declared pursuant to Executive Order No. 1.

**Fifth**, I hereby place a moratorium on any new evictions being initiated by the Department of Community Housing (DCH) and Department of Housing Development (DHD) until the expiration of the declaration of a public health State of Emergency in the Gila River Indian Community declared pursuant to Executive Order No. 1.

DONE THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2020.

BY   
GOVERNOR STEPHEN ROE LEWIS