

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

Executive Office of the Governor & Lieutenant Governor

“Gila River Strong”

Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor



Regina Antone
Lieutenant Governor

FOURTH AMENDED EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY AND ENHANCED CURFEW FOR MINORS

- WHEREAS**, in response to recent incidents of violent crime within our community, the safety and well-being of our youth have become an increasing concern; and
- WHEREAS**, the Gila River Indian Community Code, under Section 7.602, restricts minors from being in public places between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., with certain exceptions; and
- WHEREAS**, the Gila River Indian Community Code, under Section 1.101.A.4 provides the Governor with administrative direction over the “Promotion and protection of the health, peace, morals education and general welfare of the Community and its members:” and
- WHEREAS**, after careful consideration and consultation with law enforcement officials and community leaders, there was a need to implement an enhanced curfew for minors within the Gila River Indian Community; and
- WHEREAS**, to prevent further violence, in the interest of the Community’s health, safety and welfare, on February 24, 2025, I declared a public safety emergency and activated a temporary enhanced curfew for minors, restricting juveniles from being in public places on the Gila River Indian Reservation starting at 7:00 p.m. each night, with certain exceptions; and
- WHEREAS**, the enhanced curfew was imposed between Tuesday, February 25, 2025 through Sunday, March 9, 2025; and
- WHEREAS**, the decision was made to help ensure the safety of our children and young adults, particularly in light of recent events; and
- WHEREAS**, on March 7, 2025, I issued the first amended Executive Order, which extended the enhanced curfew through March 31, 2025; and
- WHEREAS**, between February 25 and March 28, when the enhanced curfew was in place, conditions noticeably improved, but threats to public safety remained and calls of shots fired in neighborhoods continued; and

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WHEREAS, on March 28, 2025, I issued the second amended Executive Order, which extended the enhanced curfew through May 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, between March 28 and May 1, 2025, conditions continued to improve, but calls of shots fired in neighborhoods are still occurring, and Community concerns over crime and threats to public safety remain; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2025, I issued the third amended Executive Order, which extended the enhanced curfew through June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, between May 1, 2025 and June 30, 2025, conditions continued to improve, but concerns over crime and threats to public safety remain, and emergency action gives us stronger, more flexible tools to prevent violence and disorder before it starts; and

WHEREAS, because much of the violence has taken place at night, we must continue a temporary enhanced curfew; and

WHEREAS, parents and guardians are urged to ensure that minors are home by the curfew time and to work together with our community to prevent any further incidents of violence; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement will be monitoring compliance with the curfew and violators may face civil or criminal penalties. However, exceptions to the curfew may be made on a case-by-case basis for emergencies, employment, going to or from school, or when accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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 issue a fourth amended Executive Order extending the Public Safety Emergency on the Gila River Indian Community and order as follows:

First, I hereby extend the Community wide curfew, preventing all persons under 18 years of age from being present in public places or public buildings on the Gila River Indian Reservation between the following days and hours:

Monday, June 30, 2025 at 8:00 p.m., until Friday, August 29, 2025 at 5:00 a.m., between 8:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. each day.

Second, the enhanced curfew shall not apply to any minor who is accompanied by the minor's parent or guardian, and shall not apply to the following activities, including travel directly to or from each activity:

- Emergencies, including seeking medical care; and
- Employment, either on or off the Gila River Indian Reservation; and
- Attending school, a school or Community sponsored event, or an official after school program or sporting event or practice.

Third, I am instructing the Gila River Police Department to enforce these provisions of the Gila River Indian Community Code to the fullest extent.

DONE THIS 30TH DAY OF JUNE 2025.

BY



GOVERNOR STEPHEN ROE LEWIS

