March 20, 2020

RE: COVID-19 and the Chitimacha Tribe

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that on March 13, 2020, the Chitimacha Tribal Council declared a State of Tribal Emergency for all who live, work on, and do business within the boundaries of the Reservation of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana due to the coronavirus pandemic.

In addition, effective March 23, 2020 Tribal employees will be working in the following capacities as possible and appropriate: administrative leave, shortened work days, essential staff only, on call only, and working remotely from home.

While the Tribe will continue all essential services, due to the impacts of the COVID-19 virus, we are unsure how this will impact our Federal and State contracts and grants, including our ability to meet reporting deadlines or scope of work benchmarks required under those grants. We will do everything that is possible and prudent to implement our shared objectives.

Please note that staff will continue to be able to be reached by email should you need to contact them. Should you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at MelissaD@Chitimacha.gov or 337-380-6888.

Sincerely,

Melissa Darden, Chairman
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana