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**IN THE SUPREME COURT
OF
THE KICKAPOO TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA**

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KICKAPOO TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
BY [Signature] COURT CLERK
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In Re:)
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Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma) **Administrative Order: 2021-001**
COVID Pandemic Protocol)

NOW ON THIS 27th day of August 2021, in consideration of the continued rise in positive COVID-19 cases within the Kickapoo Tribe and the State of Oklahoma, and the increased transmissibility of the new variant(s), this Court enters the following Administrative Order to protect the health and safety of Court staff, litigants, attorneys and the public. The Court has considered the substantial increase in COVID-19 cases both locally and statewide and has heard the recommendation of court personnel as well as being advised of the request of the tribe’s Attorney General. As of this date, the Oklahoma State Department of Health reports the seven-day average of positive COVID-19 cases has increased to 2,507, bringing the total active cases to 23,492, with 9,044 deaths statewide. These numbers exceed the numbers from one year ago when previous safety protocols were implemented.

Based upon these and other factors, this Court Orders the following COVID-19 protocol for **All Proceedings** to become **Effective Immediately**:

- 1). All dockets will remain as previously set subject to the following:
 - A. Jury trials are suspended until further notice;
 - B. All non-jury court hearings and appearances must be held by phone, video or by other electronic means;
 - C. Any contested matter requiring a hearing must be specially set with the assigned Judge;
 - D. All paperwork shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Court or

- the Judge's Bailiff prior to such telephonic or video hearing or appearance;
- E. All pleadings and other documents may be electronically submitted by email or fax for filing to the Clerk of the Court;
 - F. Anyone requesting a Court Reporter must notify the Court at the time of setting the hearing, and the Court Reporter fee must be paid in advance; and
 - G. All courtroom decorum, local rules and procedures must be followed by all participants, including pro se parties, as if physically present in court.
- 2). The Court Clerk's Office will remain open to the public with limited access. There shall be no more than 1 person in the inside the courthouse entry/lobby at a time and all guests shall have properly worn face masks.
- 3). This Order does NOT extend any statute of limitations, pleading requirement, or deadlines set by the assigned Judge.

It is so Ordered



Kyle B. Haskins

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Chief Justice

The Clerk of the Court is directed to post this Administrative Order on all access doors to the courthouse and attempt to notify all court employees, contract attorneys, *pro se* parties and private attorneys who regularly practice before the court.