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**IN THE  
HO-CHUNK NATION JUDICIARY**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

**In re: Building Closure (Inclement  
Weather)**

Order No.: **Admin. 24-25**

**WHEREAS**, the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council delegated judicial authority to the Ho-  
Chunk Nation Judiciary pursuant to the CONSTITUTION OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION, ART. VII, § 4;  
and,

**WHEREAS**, the General Council delegated legislative authority to the Ho-Chunk Nation  
Legislature pursuant to CONST., ART. V, § 1(a); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature adopted the HO-CHUNK NATION JUDICIARY ESTABLISHMENT  
AND ORGANIZATION ACT, pursuant to its constitutional authority as articulated in CONST., ART. V,  
§ 2(a); and,

**WHEREAS**, “[t]he Judiciary shall have exclusive authority and responsibility to employ  
personnel and to establish written rules and procedures governing the . . . operation of the courts”  
pursuant to JUDICIARY ACT, para. 1.5c; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature approved the job description of the Chief Judge pursuant to  
its constitutional authority as articulated in CONST., ART. V, § 2(f); and.

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature confirmed that “[t]he Chief Judge is responsible for the  
overall Tribal Court System . . .” in the job description; and,

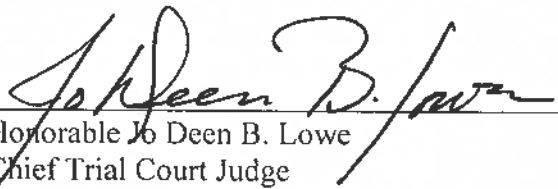
**WHEREAS**, the Chief Judge has routinely entered administrative orders pertaining to the  
administration of the courts since the foundation of the Judiciary; and,

1           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF JUDGE ENTERS**  
2 **THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER EFFECTIVE UPON THE DATE OF**  
3 **SIGNATURE:**

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5           Wa Ehi Hocira shall be closed for business at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday,  
6           December 19, 2024, in response to current inclement weather and future  
7           projections of the National Weather Service. The Court takes such action  
8           for cause in order to assure the safety and well-being of the public and its  
9           employees. Employees of the Court shall be afforded seven (7) hours of  
10          paid Administrative Leave. 6 HCC § 5.28.

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12          Consequently, the Judiciary shall extend case filing deadlines a single  
13          business day until Friday, December 20, 2024. Likewise, the Trial Court  
14          shall reschedule cases that would have otherwise occurred during the above  
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Honorable Jo Deen B. Lowe  
Chief Trial Court Judge

12/19/2024  
Date .

