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MORONGO TRIBAL COURT

MORONGO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS  
MORONGO TRIBAL COURT

IN RE: MORONGO TRIBAL COURT AND THE  
PANDEMIC OUTBREAK OF THE CORONAVIRUS  
DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

No. 2020-5  
EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
REGARDING TORT CLAIMS

Previously, this Court issued Emergency Administrative Order No. 4 tolling any time requirements for the processing of tort claims until July 31, 2020.

Specifically, the Court ordered that all time frames set forth in the Morongo Tribal Code that are applicable to any court proceeding, patron claim, or tort claim are suspended effective March 17, 2020 to July 31, 2020. The Morongo Casino is now able to process tort claims. NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby - **ORDERED** that -

1. All time frames set forth in the Morongo Tribal Code that are applicable to any court proceeding, patron claim, or tort claim will resume effective August 1, 2020. The time period from March 17, 2020 to July 31, 2020 will not be included in the calculation of any time periods set forth in the Morongo Tribal Code.

2. Trial dates will be addressed at scheduled pretrial conferences. Scheduling of trial dates may be impacted by the public health emergency presented by the COVID-19 virus. If a pretrial conference is not currently

1 scheduled, the clerk will notify the parties of the date for the next pretrial  
2 conference hearing.


3 3. All court hearings will continue to be conducted via telephonic or video  
4 hearing without exception, regardless of the health of the parties,  
5 attorneys, or other participants. Barring exceptional circumstances, there  
6 will be no in-person hearings until further order of the court. Where court  
7 matters must be heard in person, social distancing, face coverings, and  
8 other public health measures must be strictly observed. Telephonic, video  
9 or other hearings will be recorded, with the recording preserved for the  
10 record.  
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13 4. The Morongo Tribal Court continues to accept emailed pleadings, motions,  
14 and reports.

15 These documents can be emailed to: [tribalcourt@morongo-nsn.gov](mailto:tribalcourt@morongo-nsn.gov).

16 Parties can contact the Court via email or by telephone at (951)572-6068.

17 DATED THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2020.

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20 JUDGE CINDY K. SMITH  
21 MORONGO TRIBAL COURT



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23 I certify that this photocopy is a true copy  
24 of the original document on file and that it  
has not been altered in any way.

25 Date: 7-24-2020

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Morongo Tribal Court Clerk