

**CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA
EXECUTIVE ORDER
EO-02-22**

WHEREAS the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government on behalf of the Choctaw people.

WHEREAS the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the “Nation”) is a federally recognized tribal nation with a historic and continual government to government relationship with the United States of America.

WHEREAS the National Weather Service (the “NWS”) has issued a Tornado Storm Warning for much of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma reservation (the “Reservation”).

WHEREAS the NWS anticipates severe weather including severe thunderstorms with damaging winds, multiple tornadoes and flood conditions, and may include isolated hail, throughout the Reservation.

WHEREAS the Nation anticipates widespread travel issues across the Reservation including debris on roadways.

WHEREAS severe weather producing multiple tornadoes and flooding beginning Friday, November 4, 2022, and ongoing, is expected to cause injuries and fatalities as well as damage to properties and utilities including electric systems, housing and commercial businesses.

WHEREAS the tornado weather conditions within the Reservation pose a high risk for dangerous travel and a high risk for loss of food, electricity, water, and shelter.

WHEREAS the dangerous and extreme weather conditions may cause Nation offices and businesses to close throughout the Reservation.

WHEREAS it may be necessary to provide and receive mutual assistance among the political subdivisions within the Reservation including tribal, city, county, state, and federal governments. This mutual assistance will help carry out disaster emergency functions during the Nation’s emergency pursuant to the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Emergency Operations Plan.

WHEREAS immediate attention is required to protect public health, ensure public safety, and render emergency relief.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Gary Batton, Chief of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, acting under the civil authority and power vested in me under the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma do hereby declare the following:

1. A State of Emergency for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma reservation, including but not limited to structures and roads entitled to aid, relief, and assistance, and do hereby direct the implementation of the Choctaw Nation Emergency Operations Plan.
2. The Choctaw Nation Emergency Operations Plan has been activated and resources of all departments and agencies available to meet this emergency are hereby committed to the reasonable extent necessary to protect lives and to prevent, minimize, and repair injury and

- damage. These efforts shall be coordinated by the Emergency Management Department with comparable functions of the federal and state governments.
3. The Chief of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma may take further action consistent with this Executive Order as needed and required.
 4. This Executive Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until determined otherwise by the Chief of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand to this instrument on this Fourth day of November two thousand twenty-two.

DocuSigned by:

Gary Batton

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Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma