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## **Executive Order 2021-02-CTH (Amending 2020-02-CTH)**

- 1. AUTHORITY:** The Constitution and laws of the Cherokee Nation.
- 2. POLICY:** The executive powers to administer the operations of programs are authorized by law in accordance with the terms of the Constitution. The Principal Chief has a fundamental responsibility to faithfully execute the laws of the Nation and to provide executive direction over the departments, programs, disciplines and delivery of services that are essential to the Nation.
- 3. PURPOSE:** The purpose of this order is to amend Executive Order 2020-02-CTH, relating to the wearing of masks and the observance of other safety measures inside any property owned or operated by Cherokee Nation and Cherokee Nation entities as a measure to protect public health during the COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact the Cherokee Nation and the world. Cherokee Nation has led the effort to respond to, and begin recovery from, the impacts of the pandemic. This includes the imposition of mask mandates, other workplace safety measures, food security efforts, public health messaging, COVID-19 testing, and administration of the COVID-19 vaccine. As part of COVID-19 response, the Cherokee Nation executive branch imposed unprecedented health and safety requirements on not only Cherokee Nation, but Cherokee Nation entities, including Cherokee Nation Businesses. Such measures were a necessary departure from the normal order of Cherokee Nation operations, which includes deference to local day-to-day operational decision making by Cherokee Nation entities. These extraordinary efforts have contributed to a present environment in which the spread of the virus is greatly reduced, hospitalization rates and relatively low and vaccines are readily available to Cherokee citizens and others in our communities. While COVID-19 remains a threat; present conditions, relative to the conditions present at the execution of Executive Order 2020-02-CTH, warrant amendment of said Order. More specifically, it warrants the restoration of entity-level decision making on COVID-19 safety measures, within certain parameters set forth herein.
- 4. ORDER:** It is hereby ordered that Executive Order 2020-02-CTH is amended via this order, including by striking paragraph 4 of that order and replacing said paragraph with paragraph 4 of this order.

