

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

Executive Office of the Governor & Lieutenant Governor

“Gila River Strong”

Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor



Regina Antone
Lieutenant Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY AND ENHANCED CURFEW FOR MINORS

WHEREAS, in response to recent incidents of violent crime within our community, the safety and well-being of our youth have become an increasing concern; and

WHEREAS, the Gila River Community Code, under Section 7.602, restricts minors from being in public places between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., with certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, the Gila River Community Code, under Section 1.101.A.4 provides the Gila River Indian Community Governor with administrative direction over the “Promotion and protection of the health, peace, morals education and general welfare of the Community and its members.” and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration and consultation with law enforcement officials and community leaders, there was a need to implement an enhanced curfew for minors within the Gila River Indian Community; and

WHEREAS, to prevent further violence, in the interest of the Community’s health, safety and welfare, on February 24, 2025, I declared a public safety emergency and activated a temporary enhanced curfew for minors, restricting juveniles from being in public places on the Gila River Indian Reservation starting at 7:00 p.m. each night, with certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, the enhanced curfew was imposed between Tuesday, February 25, 2025 through Sunday, March 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the decision was made to help ensure the safety of our children and young adults, particularly in light of recent events; and

WHEREAS, since February 25, when the enhanced curfew was implemented, conditions have improved, but threats to public safety remain and calls of shots fired in neighborhoods continue; and

WHEREAS, because much of the violence has taken place at night, we must continue a temporary enhanced curfew; and

WHEREAS, parents and guardians are urged to ensure that minors are home by the curfew

time and to work together with our community to prevent any further incidents of violence; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement will be monitoring compliance with the curfew and violators may face civil or criminal penalties. However, exceptions to the curfew may be made on a case-by-case basis for emergencies, employment, going to or from school, or when accompanied by a parent or guardian.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor of the Gila River Indian Community, through the authority granted to me in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community and Title 1 of the Gila River Indian Community Code, hereby extend the declaration of a Public Safety Emergency on the Gila River Indian Community and order as follows:

First, I hereby extend the Community wide curfew, preventing all persons under 18 years of age from being present in public places or public buildings on the Gila River Indian Reservation between the following days and hours:

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. until Monday, March 31, 2025 at 5:00 a.m., between 7:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. each day.

Second, the enhanced curfew shall not apply to any minor who is accompanied by the minor's parent or guardian, and shall not apply to the following activities, including travel directly to or from each activity:

- Emergencies, including seeking medical care; and
- Employment, either on or off the Gila River Indian Reservation; and
- Attending school, a school or Community sponsored event, or an official after school program or sporting event or practice.

Third, I am instructing the Gila River Police Department to enforce these provisions of the Gila River Indian Community Code to the fullest extent.

DONE THIS 7TH DAY OF MARCH 2025.

BY



GOVERNOR STEPHEN ROE LEWIS