

**IN THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE PAWNEE NATION
SITTING AT PAWNEE, OKLAHOMA**

**IN RE: COVID-19 PANDEMIC
Administrative Order**

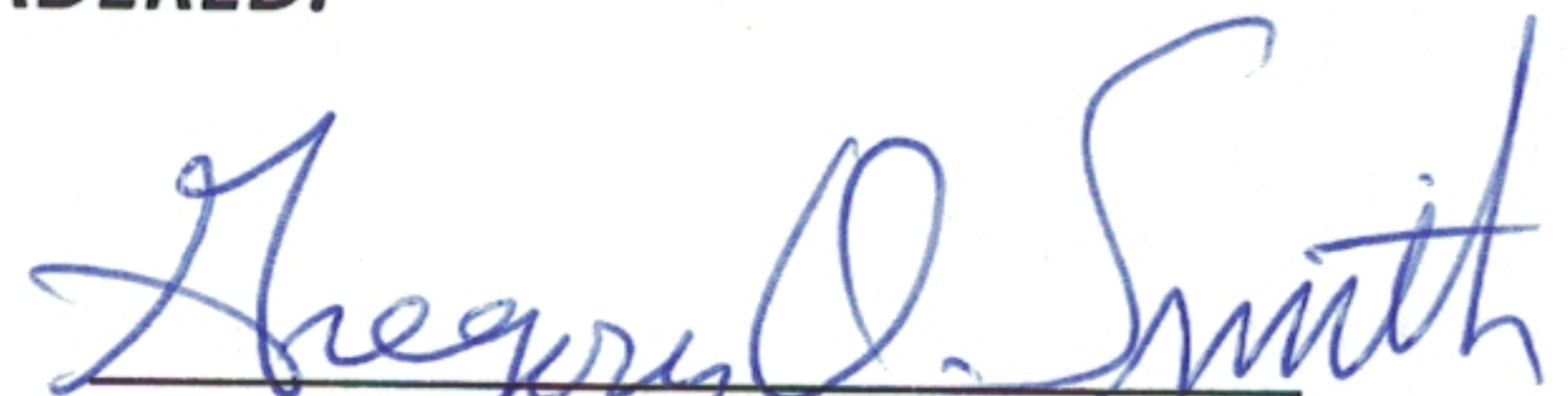
**} Admin. Order 2020-1
} Chief Justice Smith**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The Pawnee Nation Supreme Court, starting immediately, hereby authorizes the Pawnee Nation District Court Judge to reset any non-emergency case pending before the Court, (*be it before the District Judge or Associate Judge*), that is set for a proceeding in March or April, 2020 to May, 2020 or thereafter, for hearing due to the pending Coronavirus pandemic. For cases continued, the clerk of court shall give litigants as much notice of a new date as possible. For cases that are heard, the litigants shall sign in on a roster in the clerk's office and then wait in their cars until the case is called to reduce exposure to people in the courthouse area. If a litigant, party, caseworker, witness or court representative shows signs of illness, or seeks a continuance due to illness, the District Court Judge is encouraged to allow the continuance or time off work. The District Court Judge may also conduct procedural hearings via Skype, Facetime, or telephone conference call if she deems it prudent. If the Associate Judge faces COVID-19 issues, he shall contact the District Judge for directions.

This is the 17th day of March, 2020.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



**Gregory D. Smith
Chief Justice**

cc. All Court Staff and Pawnee Judiciary and Pawnee H.R. Robert Ankney