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DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana

Declaration by Chairman Marshall Pierite

Date: June 18, 2026

WHEREAS, the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana is committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens, residents, employees, visitors, and tribal property; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has issued a Flash Flood Warning and related flood advisories for portions of Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana, associated with heavy rainfall and flooding impacts resulting from Post-Tropical Storm Arthur; and

WHEREAS, excessive rainfall has created dangerous conditions including flooding of roadways, low-lying areas, drainage systems, public infrastructure, residential areas, tribal facilities, and other critical community assets; and

WHEREAS, these conditions pose an immediate threat to life, public health, public safety, property, and the continuity of essential governmental services; and

WHEREAS, emergency protective measures may be required, including but not limited to emergency response operations, evacuation assistance, debris removal, infrastructure protection, sheltering operations, and the expenditure of tribal resources; and

WHEREAS, the severity and potential duration of the flooding conditions may exceed the routine capabilities of tribal departments and may require coordination with local, state, federal, and voluntary agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Marshall Pierite, Chairman of the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists within the jurisdictional areas of the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe due to the impacts and threatened impacts of flash flooding associated with Post-Tropical Storm Arthur.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT all tribal departments, agencies, and personnel are authorized and directed to take all necessary actions to protect life, health, safety, and property.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the Tribal Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response is authorized to coordinate emergency response, recovery, and mitigation activities and to request assistance from local, state, federal, and nongovernmental partners as necessary.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT emergency expenditures and procurement actions necessary to respond to this event are authorized in accordance with applicable tribal laws, policies, and procedures.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT all tribal departments shall maintain records of emergency actions, expenditures, damages, personnel hours, equipment usage, and resources utilized in support of response and recovery activities, including documentation necessary for potential reimbursement through state and federal disaster assistance programs.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT this Declaration shall remain in effect until terminated by subsequent order of the Chairman or until emergency conditions no longer exist.

This Declaration shall become effective immediately upon execution.

SIGNED AND DECLARED this 18th day of June, 2026.



Marshall Pierite

Marshall Pierite
Chairman and CEO
Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana