

# AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

## Community Government

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## ORDER OF THE CHAIRMAN of the Ak-Chin Indian Community

(Rescinding the Order amending the June 17, 2020 Order of the Chairman, Prohibiting Wakes and Establishing New and Additional Ak-Chin Cemetery and Burial Procedures During the Effective Period for the Declaration of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Proclaiming a State of Emergency Due to the COVID-19 Outbreak.)

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**WHEREAS,** on March 26, 2020, the Ak-Chin Indian Community Council (“Community Council”) issued a declaration entitled “Declaration of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Proclaiming a State of Emergency Due to the COVID-19 Outbreak” (“Declaration”); and

**WHEREAS,** the Declaration authorizes the Chairman, or the Chairman’s designee, to act on behalf of the Community and to take (or direct the taking of) any and all actions necessary to carry out the intent of the Declaration, including, but not limited to, security and law enforcement actions and issuing communications of general health and safety information to the public; and

**WHEREAS,** on June 17, 2020, I issued an order limiting large events and mass gatherings, which declared that any gathering of more than ten (10) people during the period in which my Order was in effect is contrary to the best health, safety, and welfare interests of the Community, but which excepted gatherings for religious and cultural purposes, including funerals; and

**WHEREAS,** on March 1, 2021, I issued an order amending the June 17, 2020 order to prohibit wakes and establish new and additional Ak-Chin Cemetery and Burial Procedures during the effective period for the Declaration of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Proclaiming a State of Emergency Due to the COVID-19 Outbreak; and

**WHEREAS,** since these Orders were enacted, significant progress has been made in administering COVID tests and vaccination availability is not scarce within the Community; and

**WHEREAS,** the Community’s Incident Management Team (IMT) has given the opinion that it is in the best interest of the Community to remove the existing prohibitions and restrictions on wakes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Miguel, Chairman of the Ak-Chin Indian Community, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Declaration of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Proclaiming a State of Emergency Due to the COVID-19 Outbreak and after consultation with the Community Council, do hereby order that the Order I issued on March 1, 2021, amending the June 17, 2020 Order of the Chairman and prohibiting wakes and establishing new and additional Ak-Chin Cemetery and Burial Procedures during the effective period for the Declaration of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Proclaiming a State of Emergency Due to the COVID-19 Outbreak, is rescinded.**

**ORDERED** this 21 day of May, 2021

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand.**



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Robert Miguel, Chairman  
Ak-Chin Indian Community