



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM

RE: ) Supreme Court of Guam  
**RELATIVE TO EMPANELMENT** ) Administrative Order No. ADM20-207  
**OF JURIES IN EXIGENT** )  
**CIRCUMSTANCES RELATED TO** )  
**COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)** )  
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Because of public health concerns arising from the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic and the State of Emergency declared by *I Maga' Hågan Guåhan* in Executive Order No. 2020-03 on March 14, 2020, the court, in accordance with its jurisdiction to issue orders necessary for the supervision of the judicial branch of Guam and to make rules governing the practice and procedure in the courts of Guam, issues this **ORDER** to protect the public health by reducing the risk of exposure to the coronavirus and slowing the spread of the disease:

1. Except as provided herein, all jury trials, in both civil cases and criminal cases, scheduled to commence in the Superior Court of Guam between the date of this order and April 17, 2020, are continued to a date no earlier than April 21, 2020. This Order does not affect any case in which a jury has been empaneled or where a jury has been selected for empanelment, which cases shall proceed to verdict.

2. Upon showing exceptional circumstances, any criminal defendant whose trial is postponed by this Order may seek an exception to this Order by motion directed to the trial court. No exception shall be granted except with approval of the judge presiding over the cause and the Presiding Judge, after consultation with the jury commissioner.

3. The continuances occasioned by this Order serve the ends of justice and outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. Therefore, the time periods of such continuances shall be excluded from speedy trial computations under 8 GCA § 80.60.



