



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM

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4 **RE:**) Supreme Court of Guam
5 **RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE**) Administrative Order No. ADM20-220
6 **CLOSURE OF NON-ESSENTIAL**)
7 **COURT OPERATIONS AND**)
8 **TOLLING TIME LIMITATIONS**)
9 **UNDER EXIGENT**)
10 **CIRCUMSTANCES RELATED TO**)
11 **COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)**)

12 Because of the continued public health concerns arising from the COVID-19 (coronavirus)
13 pandemic, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* has issued a series of executive orders to stem the spread of the
14 virus, including: Executive Order No. 2020-03, declaring a State of Emergency; Executive Order
15 No. 2020-04, closing non-essential government operations through March 30, 2020; Executive
16 Order No. 2020-05, prohibiting public gatherings and mandating social isolation; Executive Order
17 No. 2020-06, extending the closure of non-essential government operations through April 13,
18 2020; and Executive Order No. 2020-10 extending the public health emergency, the limited
19 operations of the Government of Guam, and the provisions outlined in Executive Order 2020-03
20 to the present until May 5, 2020. In turn, the court, in accordance with its jurisdiction to issue
21 orders in aid of its supervisory jurisdiction over the Superior Court of Guam and all other courts
22 of the judicial branch of Guam, has issued several administrative orders to protect the public health,
23 including: ADM20-210, closing the court for all but essential services, postponing non-essential
24 court matters including civil and criminal trials, and deferring payment of filing fees, until March
25 30, 2020; ADM20-211, suspending all grand jury proceedings until March 30, 2020; and ADM20-
26 214, extending court closure for all but essential services until April 15, 2020.

27 The court recognizes that the continued rise of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Guam is of
28 utmost concern and that it must do its part to support the efforts of *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* to

1 protect the public health by reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and slowing the spread of
2 the disease. Therefore, the court issues this **ORDER** in the interest of the public health:

3 1. The timelines set forth in ADM20-210, ADM20-211, and ADM20-214
4 are extended from April 15, 2020, to May 6, 2020, or until further order of this
5 court.

6 2. All civil and criminal trials are suspended—without exception—until no
7 earlier than May 6, 2020, or until further order of this court.

8 3. Effective from the date of this order until May 6, 2020, all filing
9 deadlines—including statutory filing deadlines—shall be tolled. Any court filing
10 due during this period shall be deemed timely filed if filed when the court opens
11 for regular business on May 6, 2020.

12 4. The continuances occasioned by this Order serve the ends of justice and
13 outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.
14 Therefore, the time periods of such continuances shall be excluded from speedy
15 trial computations under 8 GCA § 80.60, and the time periods for a preliminary
16 examination and for the filing of an indictment are tolled for this period.

17 5. To the extent this Order conflicts with any other existing administrative
18 order of the court, this Order shall prevail.

19 6. This Order will be revised as circumstances warrant.

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21 **SO ORDERED** this 10th day of April, 2020.

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25 **ROBERT J. TORRES**
26 Associate Justice

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25 **KATHERINE A. MARAMAN**
26 Associate Justice

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F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO
Chief Justice