IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LYON

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IN THE MATTER OF
The Third Judicial District Court's Response to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 20-02

Rule 1(D) of the Rules of Practice for the Third Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada charges the Court to make such an order in the interests of justice whenever it appears to the Court that a particular situation does not fall within any of the Court's rules, or that the literal application of a rule would create undue hardship or injustice in any case. This includes the responsibilities of supervising the administrative business of the district court, ensuring the quality and continuity of all court services, including the Justice Courts in Lyon County, supervising the court calendar, reassigning cases as convenience or necessity requires, assuring the court's duties are timely and orderly performed, and otherwise facilitating the business of this District Court and continuity of access to justice.

On March 12, 2020, Governor Steve Sisolak declared a state of emergency in Nevada in response to the recent outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Given the severity of the risk posed to the public by COVID-19, and after consultation with the Nevada Supreme Court Chief Justice Kristina Pickering, the Dayton Township Justice Court, the Canal Township Justice Court, the Walker River Justice Court, and Lyon County, the Judges of this Court have determined that alterations to current standing court procedure are necessary on a

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short term basis for the protection of the community. The Courts in Lyon County intend to hold business as usual with some slight exceptions due to the potential risk of exposure.

During this time, the Courts will continue to accept filings and continue to operate managing cases within the parameters set forth in this order. The preferred method for filing will be by mail as there will be limited access to the Courthouses of the County as set forth below.

The Court Clerk shall accept .pdf filings by email on all cases, except for new filings. The PDF must be followed by an Original via US Mail or other service within 7 days from the receipt of the PDF filing by email. The filing of new cases will require original documents.

All other provisions of the Court's administrative order 20-01 issued on March 17, 2020, shall be extended through June 1, 2020.

JURY TRIALS

All jury trials, civil and criminal, scheduled in District Court or in any Justice Court in Lyon County will be suspended/stayed until June 1, 2020, and will be rescheduled as the court calendar allows No summoned prospective jurors are to appear.

TEMPORARY EXCLUSIONS FROM THE COURTHOUSES OF LYON COUNTY

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has advised people to take precautions and the best way to prevent illness is to avoid exposure. As a result, Court Administration is ordered to post a notice at the entrance of all court facilities advising the following people that they may not enter the court facility:

1. Persons who in the last fourteen (14) days have traveled to **any foreign country.**

2. **Nevadans who have traveled to another state or other persons who have come into the State of Nevada from another state in the last fourteen (14) days**

3. Persons who reside or have close contact with someone who has traveled to any

foreign country **or another state** within the last fourteen (14) days;

4 Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, or health agency;

5. Persons who have been diagnosed with coronavirus (COVID-19) or who has had contact in the past fourteen (14) days with anyone who have been diagnosed with COVID-19; or

6. Persons with unexplained fever, cough, or shortness of breath.

Anyone attempting to enter in violation of these protocols will be denied entry by Courthouse security and/or staff.

Court Administration is also ordered to provide on all notices a customer service number to assist all persons unable to enter the court facility because of exposure or illness.

If a person is unable to appear in court because of the restrictions above, the person may call the respective department their case is in by calling 775-463-6571 extension 1 for Department I with the Honorable District Court Judge John P. Schlegelmilch, or 775-463-6571 extension 2 for Department II with the Honorable District Court Judge Leon Aberasturi, and/or the individual justice courts for assistance in rescheduling their court appearance, arranging for appearance by alternative means or to provide other information based on the circumstances of the appearance.

This Order shall be reviewed no later than every thirty (30) days and shall continue until June 1, 2020.

Entered this 1st day of April, 2020.

LEON A. ABERASTURI
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

JOHN P. SCHLEGELMILCH
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE