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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER OF:
TEMPORARILY CLOSING IN-PERSON
PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE SECOND
JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-05

WHEREAS, the Nevada Constitution expressly recognizes the chief as the administrative head of the court system. Nev. Const. art. VI. ss 19. By expressly identifying the chief judge as the court system's administrative leader, the chief judge has "inherent power to take actions reasonably necessary to administer justice efficiently fairly, and economically." Halverson v. Hardcastle, 123 Nev. 245, 260, 163 P. 3d 428 439 (2007) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted).

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WHEREAS, the judicial power is vested in the state court system-comprised of the supreme court, a court of appeals, district courts, justices of the peace, and municipal courts. Nev. Constr. Art. VI ss 1.

WHEREAS, the Second Judicial District Court ("District Court") Chief Judge has authority to make administrative decisions pertaining to the business of the court (WDCR 2(2), NRS 3.025(2)(C));

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Steve Sisolak declared a state of emergency in Nevada in response to the recent outbreak of the 2019 Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and requested all Nevadans stay home to implement social distancing;

WHEREAS, during this time, it is critical to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among members of the court, counsel, staff, the public, and our valuable community partners;

WHEREAS, to prevent the spread of disease, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends immediately putting a minimum of 6 feet distance between yourself and other individuals.

NOW THEREFORE, effective immediately, the Second Judicial District Court shall be temporarily CLOSED to in-person public access. This includes the General Jurisdiction Division Courthouse, located at 75 Court Street and the Family Division Courthouse, located at 1 So. Sierra.

Modification of this restriction on in-person public access shall only be in exigent circumstances and only by judicial order.

Public access to the courthouses which will continue include: electronic filing, telephone calls, live chat, electronic mail, physical mail, and remote hearings.

1 This order shall be reviewed no later than every 30 days and shall continue until modified
2 or rescinded by a subsequent order.

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4 IT IS SO ORDERED.

5 DATED this 18 day of March, 2020.

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9 CHIEF DISTRICT JUDGE
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