IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM

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| | FOURTEENTH UPDATED ORDER) | Administrative Order No. ADM21-002 |
| | RELATIVE TO COURT) | |
| | OPERATIONS UNDER EXIGENT) | |
| | CIRCUMSTANCES RELATED TO) | |
| | COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) | |
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Because of the continued public health concerns arising from the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* has issued a series of executive orders to stem the spread of the virus. The most recent orders placed the island in Pandemic Condition of Readiness (PCOR) 2 beginning January 18, 2021, *see* Exec. Order No. 2021-01, and extended the public health emergency until March 1, 2021, *see* Exec. Order No. 2021-03.

In line with the various executive orders, the court, under its jurisdiction to issue orders in aid of its supervisory jurisdiction over the Superior Court of Guam and all other courts of the judicial branch of Guam, has issued several administrative orders to protect the public health. The most recent administrative order, ADM21-001, tolled all time periods involving the speedy trial procedure in criminal proceedings through February 28, 2021, among other measures.

Since the start of the public health emergency, the court has searched for innovative ways to continue to provide access to justice for the people of Guam while also keeping public health and safety at the forefront, including expanding the use of technology to conduct remote hearings and implementing various measures to adhere to Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) social distancing guidelines and other mitigation efforts. The court has also renovated, constructed, and leased alternative facilities to safely hold jury selections and jury trials, with additional facilities underway. At the same time, the court recognizes that even with the continued improvement in the island's COVID-19 positivity rate, DPHSS social distancing requirements will

likely remain in place for the foreseeable future to continue to contain the spread of the virus. With these considerations in mind, the court issues this **FOURTEENTH UPDATED ORDER** regarding court operations to protect the public health by reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and slowing the spread of the disease:

- 1. The continuances occasioned by this Fourteenth Updated Order and prior administrative orders serve the ends of justice, protect the health and safety of criminal defendants, attorneys, court employees, and those called to jury service, 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. All time periods involving the speedy trial procedure in criminal proceedings are tolled through March 31, 2021.
- 2. Unless extraordinary circumstances warrant this court's further extension of the time periods involving the speedy trial procedure in criminal proceedings, no further extension will be granted by this court. The termination of the tolling of the time periods involving the speedy trial procedure under this Fourteenth Updated Order does not prevent the "good cause" determination in individual cases under 8 GCA § 80.60 after March 31, 2021.
- 3. The court's Thirteenth Updated Order of January 18, 2021, remains in full force and effect except to the extent it conflicts with this Fourteenth Updated Order. This Fourteenth Updated Order will be revised as circumstances warrant.

SO ORDERED this 19th day of February 2021.

/s/
ROBERT J. TORRES
Associate Justice

KATHERINE A. MARAMAN
Associate Justice

F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO
Chief Justice