

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM

RE:) S RELATIVE TO RESCINDING) A COVID-19 MASK-WEARING AND) SOCIAL DISTANCING) REQUIREMENTS IN) HEALTHCARE SETTINGS) WITHIN JUDICIARY OF GUAM) FACILITIES)

Supreme Court of Guam Administrative Order No. ADM23-002

In August 2022, due to then-rising COVID-19 cases, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* issued Executive Order No. 2022-21, which implemented mask-wearing and social distancing requirements in healthcare settings. The Supreme Court of Guam, 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, issued Administrative Order No. ADM22-006, which required mask-wearing and physical distancing in all Judiciary of Guam locations where mental healthcare and counseling services are provided, such as the Client Services and Family Counseling Division offices.

On January 6, 2023, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* issued Executive Order No. 2023-01, which reaffirmed the earlier pronouncement in Executive Order No. 2022-26 that the local COVID-19 public health emergency would end by law on January 6, 2023. Thus, the requirements of mask-wearing and social distancing in healthcare settings were effectively rescinded on January 6, 2023. With these considerations in mind, the court **ORDERS**:

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1. Effective immediately, the mask-wearing and social distancing requirements in healthcare settings within Judiciary of Guam facilities shall be rescinded. Individuals entering Judiciary of Guam facilities shall have the option of wearing a mask. 2. All prior administrative orders remain in full force and effect except to the extent they conflict with this Order or were previously rescinded. 3. This Order will be revised as circumstances warrant. **SO ORDERED** this 17th day of February, 2023. /s/ /s/ F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO **KATHERINE A. MARAMAN Associate Justice Associate Justice** /s/ **ROBERT J. TORRES Chief Justice** Page 2 of 2