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NEWS RELEASE: COVID-19

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PRESIDING JUDGE KEVIN C. BRAZILE ISSUES IMPLEMENTATION ORDER TO CONTINUE ALL NON- EMERGENCY MATTERS FOR 30 DAYS DUE TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

All Civil and Criminal Trials are Suspended through April 16

Order will Keep the Court Open for Emergency and Essential Matters

No Jurors are to Report Until April 16

Presiding Judge Kevin C. Brazile today issued an implementation order pursuant to the emergency powers granted to him yesterday by Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye under Government Code Section 68115.

"This order will allow us to comply with social distancing and to prevent the spread of the virus within our community," Presiding Judge Brazile said. "The Court will reopen Friday only for emergency and essential matters to protect the most vulnerable in our communities."

Presiding Judge Brazile reminded the public that no jurors should report, and no additional prospective jurors will be summoned for jury service for 30 days.

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Over the next few days, there will be additional news releases explaining in further detail the extent to which the Los Angeles Superior Court is scaling back judicial and court resources in response to the current public health crisis.

The order is attached.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE
PRESIDING JUDGE RE COVID-19
PANDEMIC

GENERAL ORDER

Due to the COVID-19 epidemic resulting in Governor Newsom’s Declaration of a State of Emergency, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health declaring a local and public health emergency in response to the increased spread of COVID-19 across the county of Los Angeles; President Donald Trump declaring a national emergency over the outbreak, and the directive from those government officials to ensure and facilitate social distancing, and to protect the health and safety of the public and court personnel, and under the authority granted under *Government Code* Section 68115 and the March 16, 2020 order of Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chair of the Judicial Council of California, issued in response to the March 16, 2020 request for an emergency order made by the Superior Court of California, Los Angeles County,

This court **HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. March 17, 2020 to March 19, 2020, inclusive, for purposes of computing time for filing papers under CCP Sections 12 and 12(a), are deemed holidays.
2. March 17, 2020 to March 19, 2020, inclusive, for the purpose of computing time under the Penal Code, the Welfare and Institutions Code, the Government Code and the Code of Civil Procedure, and any other statutory deadlines, are deemed holidays.

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- 2 3. March 17, 2020 to March 19, 2020, inclusive, all courthouses shall be closed to the
- 3 public.
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- 5 4. From March 20, 2020 until April 16, 2020, inclusive, all courtrooms will remain closed
- 6 for judicial business, except for the following time-sensitive, essential functions:
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- 8 a. Civil Temporary Restraining Orders
- 9 b. Family Temporary Restraining Orders
- 10 c. Civil Ex Parte Proceedings
- 11 d. Family Ex Parte Proceedings
- 12 e. Contempt Proceedings in Family Law Where Custody is at Issue
- 13 f. Hague Convention (International Kidnapping)
- 14 g. Probate Ex Parte Hearings
- 15 h. Probate Emergency Petitions for Temporary Conservatorship
- 16 i. Probate Emergency Petitions for Temporary Guardianship
- 17 j. Riese Hearings
- 18 k. Search Warrants
- 19 l. Arraignments
- 20 m. Criminal Preliminary Hearings
- 21 n. Criminal Ex Parte Hearing
- 22 o. Bail Bond and Cash Bail Processing
- 23 p. Bail Review
- 24 q. Criminal Mental Competency Hearings
- 25 r. Criminal sentencing proceedings
- 26 s. Criminal post-sentencing proceedings
- 27 t. Grand Jury Indictments
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- 1 u. Criminal Jury Trials – where there is no consent to continuance and enhanced
- 2 statutory limits (see below) have been reached
- 3 v. Juvenile Ex Parte Orders
- 4 w. Emergency Orders Relating to the Health and Safety of a Child
- 5 x. Juvenile Restraining Orders
- 6 y. Juvenile Delinquency Detention Hearings and related case processing
- 7 z. Juvenile Dependency Detention Hearings and related case processing
- 8 aa. Traffic Arraignments
- 9 bb. Traffic Trials – where there is no consent to continuance
- 10 cc. Petitions for Writ Seeking Emergency Relief in Misdemeanor, Limited Civil and
- 11 Infractions
- 12 dd. Emergency Writs Challenging COVID-19 Emergency Measures
- 13 ee. Writs of Habeas Corpus Challenging Medical Quarantines

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15 **5. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL OTHER MATTERS HAVE BEEN**

16 **CONTINUED BY THE COURT.** The parties shall receive further notice stating the

17 specific time and date of the continuance in their cases.

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19 **6.** Pursuant to the authority granted pursuant to section 68115 of the Government Code,

20 the court extends the following deadlines for the period March 17, 2020 to April 16,

21 2020, inclusive:

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- 23 a. Code of Civil Procedure sections 583.310 and 583.320 of the Code of Civil
- 24 Procedure to bring an action to trial has been extended by **30 days**.
- 25 b. The duration of any temporary restraining order that would otherwise expire
- 26 because the emergency condition prevented the court from conducting proceedings
- 27 to determine whether the permanent order should be entered is extended by **21**
- 28 **days**.

- 1 c. The court extends the time periods provided in section 859b of the Penal Code for
2 the holding of a preliminary examination from 10 court days to not more than **15**
3 **court days**.
- 4 d. The court extends the time periods provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code
5 within which a trial must be held by **30 days**.
- 6 e. The court extends the time periods provided in section 825 of the Penal Code within
7 which a defendant charged with a felony offense must be taken before a magistrate
8 from 48 hours to no more than **seven days**.
- 9 f. The court extends the time periods provided in section 313 of the Welfare and
10 Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency
11 proceedings must be released from custody to not more than **seven days**.
- 12 g. The court extends the time periods provided in section 315 of the Welfare and
13 Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency
14 proceedings must be given a detention hearing to not more than **seven days**.
- 15 h. The court extends the time periods provided in sections 632 and 637 of the Welfare
16 and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending wardship
17 proceedings and charged with a felony offense must be given a detention hearing or
18 rehearing to not more than **seven days**.
- 19 i. Extend the time period provided in section 334 of the Welfare and Institutions Code
20 within which a hearing on a juvenile dependency petition must be held by not more
21 than 15 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise
22 would expire on from March 17, 2020, to April 16, 2020, inclusive; and
- 23 j. Extend the time period provided in section 657 of the Welfare and Institutions Code
24 within which a hearing on a wardship petition for a minor charged with a felony
25 offense must be held by not more than 15 days, applicable only to minors for whom
26 the statutory deadline otherwise would expire on from March 17, 2020, to April 16,
27 2020, inclusive.
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- 1 7. Further, the court declares that from March 17, 2020 to April 16, 2020, inclusive, is
- 2 deemed a holiday/holidays for purposes of computing time under Code of Civil
- 3 Procedure 1167 (five-day period within which defendant must respond to a complaint
- 4 in unlawful detainer action).
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- 6 8. Further, the court declares that from March 17, 2020 to April 16, 2020, inclusive, be
- 7 deemed a holiday/holidays for purposes of computing the time under Code of Civil
- 8 Procedure 116.330(a) (requires a small claims matter to be scheduled for hearing no
- 9 earlier than 20 days but not more than 70 days from the date of the order directing the
- 10 parties to appear at the hearing).
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- 12 9. Courthouses providing time-sensitive, essential services will be open beginning on
- 13 March 20, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.
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- 15 10. Any judge of the Court may extend the time periods provided in §§583.310 and
- 16 583.320 of the Code of Civil Procedure to bring an action to trial by not more than 30
- 17 days, applicable only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire
- 18 from March 16, 2020 to April 16, 2020, inclusive.
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20 **THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT**

21 **UNTIL APRIL 16, 2020 AND MAY BE AMENDED AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.**

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25 DATED: March 17, 2020



26 *Kevin C. Brazile*

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 KEVIN C. BRAZILE
 Presiding Judge