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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KERN

**GENERAL ORDER RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY RELIEF
AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 68115 BY CHAIR
OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

Because of the COVID-19 epidemic, leading to health and safety concerns resulting in the temporary cessation of jury services and substantial operational impediments, and the proclamation of a state of emergency by federal, state, and local officials, exercising the authority granted under Government Code section 68115 and the March 17, 2020 Order (“Order”) of Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chair of the Judicial Council of California, issued in response to the March 17, 2020 request for an emergency order made by the Superior Court of Kern County (“Court”), this Court HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Declare that from March 18, 2020, to March 30, 2020, inclusive, be deemed holidays for purposes of computing the time for filing papers with the court under Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(4));

2. Extend the time periods provided in sections 583.310 and 583.320 of the Code of Civil Procedure to bring an action to trial by not more than 30 days, applicable only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 18, 2020, to March 30, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(6));

3. Extend by not more than 20 days the duration of any temporary restraining order that would otherwise expire from March 18, 2020, to March 30, 2020, inclusive, because the emergency condition described herein prevented the court from conducting proceedings to determine whether a permanent order should be entered (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(7));

4. Extend the time period provided in section 825 of the Penal Code within which a defendant charged with a felony offense must be taken before a magistrate from 48 hours to not more than 7 days, applicable only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire March 18, 2020, to March 30, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(8));

5. Extend the time period provided in section 859b of the Penal Code for the holding of a preliminary examination from 10 court days to not more than 15 court days, applicable only

1 to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire March 18, 2020, to March 30,
2 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(9));

3 6. Extend the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code for the holding
4 of a criminal trial by not more than 30 days, applicable only to cases in which the statutory deadline
5 otherwise would expire March 18, 2020, to March 30, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, §
6 68115(a)(10));

7 7. Extend the time period provided in section 313 of the Welfare and Institutions
8 Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings must be released
9 from custody to not more than 7 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline
10 otherwise would expire March 18, 2020, to March 30, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, §
11 68115(a)(11));

12 8. Extend the time period provided in section 315 of the Welfare and Institutions
13 Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings must be given a
14 detention hearing to not more than 7 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory
15 deadline otherwise would expire March 18, 2020, to March 30, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, §
16 68115(a)(11));

17 9. Extend the time periods provided in sections 632 and 637 of the Welfare and
18 Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending wardship proceedings and
19 charged with a felony offense must be given a detention hearing or rehearing to not more than 7
20 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire March
21 18, 2020, to March 30, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11));

22 10. Extend the time period provided in section 334 of the Welfare and Institutions
23 Code within which a hearing on a juvenile dependency petition must be held by not more than 15
24 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire March
25 18, 2020, to March 30, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(12)); and

26 11. Extend the time period provided in section 657 of the Welfare and Institutions
27 Code within which a hearing on a wardship petition for a minor charged with a felony offense
28 must be held by not more than 15 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline

1 otherwise would expire March 18, 2020, to March 30, 2020, inclusive, (Gov. Code, §
2 68115(a)(12)).

3 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

4 Dated: 3/17/20

Judith K. Dulcich
Judith K. Dulcich, Presiding Judge

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