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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCED

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

Exercising the authority granted under Government Code section 68115 and the March 18, 2020 Order (“Order”) of Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chair of the Judicial Council of California, issued in response to the March 18, 2020 request for an emergency order made by the Superior Court of Merced County (“Court”), this Court HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 24, 2020, to April 28, 2020, inclusive, any judge of the Court may 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 (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(6));

2. In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 24, 2020 to April 28, 2020, inclusive, any judge of the Court may extend the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code for the holding of a criminal trial by not more than 30 days (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(10)).

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Dated: March 18, 2020



Hon. Donald V. Proietti, Presiding Judge