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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM

RE:) Supreme Court of Guam
RELATIVE TO EXPANDING) Administrative Order No. ADM20-254
COURT OPERATIONS UNDER)
EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES)
RELATED TO COVID-19)
(CORONAVIRUS))
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Because of public health concerns arising from the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* declared a State of Emergency on March 14, 2020, in Executive Order No. 2020-03. Since then, *I Maga'håga* has issued a series of executive orders to stem the spread of the virus, and the court, in turn, has issued a series of administrative orders limiting and modifying court operations to ensure the protection of the public health. The most recent of such administrative orders, Administrative Order No. ADM20-239 issued on May 4, 2020, included a provision for the reopening of the Northern Court Satellite in Dededo for a limited set of transactions.

In recent weeks, *I Maga'håga* has announced a phased lifting of social restrictions, including the expansion of public operations for certain government of Guam agencies. On May 28, 2020, *I Maga'håga* issued Executive Order No. 2020-16, which, among other things, extends the public health emergency until June 29, 2020, lifts additional social restrictions, and orders the recommencement of public operations for all government of Guam offices, agencies and departments effective June 1, 2020.

In line with the planned reopening of public operations of executive branch agencies of the government of Guam and in recognition of the need to continue to expand the court's services,



1 while keeping at the forefront the need to protect the health and safety of court employees, patrons,
2 and the general public, the court issues this **ORDER**:

3 1. Effective Monday, June 1, 2020, all Judiciary of Guam employees shall return
4 to their physical worksites unless otherwise instructed by their supervisors.

5 2. Beginning Wednesday, June 3, 2020, the Guam Judicial Center in Hagåtña
6 shall open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, for a limited set
7 of transactions, namely:

8 a. Payment of traffic citations;

9 b. Payment of case-related obligations, including bail, restitution, and fines
10 and fees; and

11 c. Requests for traffic and court clearances.

12 3. The Northern Court Satellite in Dededo shall continue to be open to the public
13 for the same hours and the same set of transactions listed in paragraph 2 above.

14 4. To the extent this Order conflicts with any other existing administrative order
15 of the court, this Order shall prevail. All other provisions of Administrative Order No.
16 ADM20-239 which are not in conflict with this Order remain in effect.

17 5. This Order will be revised as circumstances warrant.

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19 **SO ORDERED** this 29th day of May, 2020.

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23 **ROBERT J. TORRES**
24 **Associate Justice**

_____ /s/
KATHERINE A. MARAMAN
Associate Justice

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26 _____ /s/
27 **F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO**
28 **Chief Justice**