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Judiciary to Close Due to Tropical Storm Mawar

(Hagåtña, Guam) In response to the approaching Tropical Storm Mawar, Chief Justice Robert J. Torres has issued **Administrative Order No. ADM23-003** directing the **closure of the Judicial Branch**. The closure will take effect immediately upon the Governor of Guam's declaration of Condition of Readiness (COR) 2 and continue until further notice.

The decision prioritizes the safety of the public and Judiciary of Guam staff in the face of the impending storm. During this closure period:

- All hearings, jury trials, jury selections, and grand jury proceedings will be rescheduled.
- Magistrate hearings will resume following the declaration of COR 4 by the Governor of Guam.
- Jurors are advised to monitor the jury recording system after 5:00 PM following the COR 4 declaration.
- Check-ins, drug testing, and appointments with the Probation Services Division will be rescheduled. Individuals under pretrial or probation supervision, including juveniles, should await further instructions from their probation officers and continue to comply with all other requirements.
- If a court filing is due while the court is closed, the time for filing is extended until the end of the first accessible day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.*
- The Guam Law Library and the Judicial Education Center will be closed and will reopen under the direction of the Chief Justice.

All Judiciary employees are urged to prepare for the tropical storm and stay informed through court management and public communication channels for updates. For more information, please contact Sarah G. Elmore-Hernandez at sehernandez@guamcourts.gov.

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* See Guam R. Civ. P. 6(a); Guam R. App. P. 11(a)(3); 8 GCA § 1.25.