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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM

RE:) Supreme Court of Guam
RELATIVE TO RESCINDING) Administrative Order No. ADM22-002
COVID-19 SOCIAL DISTANCING)
REQUIREMENTS IN JUDICIARY)
OF GUAM FACILITIES)
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Since March 14, 2020, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* has issued a series of executive orders to stem the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus), mandating such measures as mask-wearing and six-foot social distancing in congregate settings. In turn, the Supreme Court of Guam, under its jurisdiction to issue orders in aid of its supervisory jurisdiction over the Superior Court of Guam and all other courts of the judicial branch of Guam, has issued several administrative orders to protect the public health, including requiring the use of face masks and six-foot social distancing in all Judiciary of Guam facilities.

On March 29, 2022, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* issued Executive Order No. 2022-09, which established metrics for the rescission of social gathering restrictions, social distancing requirements, and the gradual rescission of the mask mandate. Under the executive order, social gathering restrictions, social distancing requirements, and the mask mandate in outdoor settings shall be rescinded effective fourteen days after *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* has accepted the certification by the Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) that the island has achieved a Low Level of Risk under CDC Community Levels metrics. On April 5, 2022, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* accepted the DPHSS Director's certification that Guam has achieved a Low Level of Risk. Thus, social gathering restrictions, social distancing requirements, and the mask mandate in outdoor settings are set to be rescinded effective April 19, 2022.

1 With these considerations in mind, the court **ORDERS** as follows:

2 1. Effective April 19, 2022, the requirement of six-foot social distancing in
3 Judiciary of Guam facilities shall be rescinded.

4 2. Individuals shall be permitted to congregate indoors and outdoors without
5 numerical restriction.

6 3. Individuals shall not be required to wear masks in outdoor settings, such as in
7 Judiciary of Guam parking areas.

8 4. Other mitigation measures remain in effect, including the mask-wearing
9 requirement for individuals entering Judiciary of Guam facilities.

10 Notwithstanding the gradual lifting of restrictions, individuals are encouraged to
11 practice such measures based on their personal level of risk. Individuals who are not
12 vaccinated, have not received a booster dose, are immunocompromised, or are at high
13 risk for severe illness are at an increased risk of infection, hospitalization, and death as a
14 result of COVID-19. The court encourages such individuals to get vaccinated or
15 boosted immediately and to take other necessary precautions before engaging in
16 activities in congregate settings in which mask use is compromised.

17 5. All prior administrative orders remain in full force and effect except to the
18 extent they conflict with this Order or were previously rescinded.

19 6. This Order will be revised as circumstances warrant.

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21 **SO ORDERED** this 14th day of April, 2022.

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ROBERT J. TORRES
25 **Associate Justice**

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KATHERINE A. MARAMAN
26 **Associate Justice**

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F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO
28 **Chief Justice**