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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM

RE:) Supreme Court of Guam
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UPDATED ORDER RELATIVE TO) Administrative Order No. ADM23-006
COURT OPERATIONS AFTER)
TYPHOON MAWAR)
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WHEREAS, on May 24, 2023, Typhoon Mawar passed over Guam as a category 4 typhoon, which brought significant destruction to Guam, including disruption of power and water services, structural damage to homes and businesses, and disruption of communication services; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2023, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* placed Guam back into Condition of Readiness (COR) 4, although Guam remains under a declaration of a state of emergency as declared by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* in Executive Order No. 23-002; and

WHEREAS, while power and water services have been restored to all Judiciary of Guam facilities, the Judiciary recognizes that many island residents are still without these services, as reflected in Joint Information Center (JIC) Recovery Release No. 25 issued on June 1, 2023, which reported that power has been restored to only 34.5% of the island, and that only 53% of water systems are online:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Supreme Court, 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, **ORDERS**:



1 The following matters shall continue to be scheduled and heard in keeping with the urgency
2 of those matters and consistent with statutory requirements, either in person or remotely pursuant
3 to the Judiciary’s rules on video conferencing or telephonic appearance, with the court to notify
4 all participants necessary to the proceeding:

- 5 1. Magistrate proceedings;
- 6 2. Arraignments for in-custody defendants;
- 7 3. Writs of habeas corpus;
- 8 4. Jury selections in asserted criminal matters;
- 9 5. Grand jury proceedings and preliminary hearings;
- 10 6. Preliminary hearings for detained juveniles;
- 11 7. Civil protection orders;
- 12 8. Temporary restraining orders;
- 13 9. Search warrants;
- 14 10. Warrant returns;
- 15 11. Emergency guardianships;
- 16 12. Persons In Need of Services (PINS) petitions;
- 17 13. Any other locally or federally mandated hearings; and
- 18 14. Any other hearings at the judicial officer’s discretion.

19 All other Supreme Court and Superior Court matters scheduled to be heard during the week
20 of June 5, 2023, through June 9, 2023, will be rescheduled. The court will issue notices of
21 rescheduling. Parties should contact their lawyers about their rescheduled hearing dates. These
22 include, but are not limited to, criminal and civil trials, appellate arguments, motion hearings,
23 probate proceedings, and child support hearings.

24 Further, any temporary restraining order, injunction, civil protection order, or stay set to
25 expire on or after May 22, 2023, in any criminal or civil matter shall automatically be extended
26 under the same terms until June 19, 2023, unless the Presiding Judge or the judge who issued the
27 order terminates or modifies the order, injunction, civil protection order, or stay.

