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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE STATE OF NEVADA

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

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IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER OF:

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THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF LETTERS
ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILING A
PETITION FOR EMERGENCY OR
GENERAL GUARDIANSHIP UNDER NRS
CHAPTER 159.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 10-01

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WHEREAS, the Judges of the District recognize the amendments made to chapter 159 of the Nevada Revised Statutes by Act of May 29, 2009, 2009 Nev. Stats. 1638 [hereinafter *The Act*];

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 29 of *The Act*, Nevada Revised Statute 159.044(2)(j) was amended to require a petition for guardianship to be accompanied by certain documentation which may include “[a] letter signed by any governmental agency in this State which conducts investigations”; *id.* at 1647;

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 32 of *The Act*, Nevada Revised Statute 159.052(1)(a) was amended to require a petition for emergency guardianship to be accompanied by certain documentation which may include “[a] letter signed by any governmental agency in this State which conducts investigations”; *id.* at 1649;

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WHEREAS, the Washoe County Department of Social Services is a “governmental agency in this State which conducts investigations”;

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1 WHEREAS, the Washoe County Department of Social Services may, from time to time,
2 be asked to provide guardianship petitioners with the documentation required by Sections 29 and
3 32 of *The Act*;

4 WHEREAS, pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute 432B.280, information gathered by the
5 Washoe County Department of Social Services and placed in a letter intended to fulfill the
6 requirements of Sections 29 and 32 of *The Act* may be confidential;


7 WHEREAS, pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute 432B.290(1)(e), information gathered
8 by the Washoe County Department of Social Services and placed in a letter intended to fulfill the
9 requirements of Sections 29 and 32 of *The Act* may be made public if “the court determines that
10 public disclosure of the information is necessary for the determination of an issue before it,” and

11 WHEREAS, the Judges of the District Court find the information gathered by the
12 Washoe County Department of Social Services and placed in a letter intended to fulfill the
13 requirements of Sections 29 and 32 of *The Act* is necessary to determine whether an emergency
14 or general guardianship should issue.

15 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

- 16 1. Information placed in a letter intended to fulfill the requirements of Sections 29 and
17 32 of *The Act* shall be made public pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute
18 432B.290(1)(e).

19 DATED this 17 day of February, 2010.

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23 CONNIE J. STEINHEIMER
24 CHIEF JUDGE
25 SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
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