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**IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**

**IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE**

IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER OF:  
TEMPORARILY CLOSING IN-PERSON  
PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE SECOND  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-05**

WHEREAS, the Nevada Constitution expressly recognizes the chief as the administrative head of the court system. Nev. Const. art. VI. ss 19. By expressly identifying the chief judge as the court system's administrative leader, the chief judge has "inherent power to take actions reasonably necessary to administer justice efficiently fairly, and economically." Halverson v. Hardcastle, 123 Nev. 245, 260, 163 P. 3d 428 439 (2007) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted).

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1           WHEREAS, the judicial power is vested in the state court system-comprised of the  
2 supreme court, a court of appeals, district courts, justices of the peace, and municipal courts.  
3 Nev. Constr. Art.VI ss 1.

4           WHEREAS, the Second Judicial District Court (“District Court”) Chief Judge has  
5 authority to make administrative decisions pertaining to the business of the court (WDCR 2(2),  
6 NRS 3.025(2)(C));  
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8           WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Steve Sisolak declared a state of emergency  
9 in Nevada in response to the recent outbreak of the 2019 Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and  
10 requested all Nevadans stay home to implement social distancing;  
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12           WHEREAS, during this time, it is critical to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among  
13 members of the court, counsel, staff, the public, and our valuable community partners;

14           WHEREAS, to prevent the spread of disease, the Centers for Disease Control and  
15 Prevention recommends immediately putting a minimum of 6 feet distance between yourself and  
16 other individuals.  
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18           NOW THEREFORE, effective immediately, the Second Judicial District Court shall be  
19 temporarily CLOSED to in-person public access. This includes the General Jurisdiction Division  
20 Courthouse, located at 75 Court Street and the Family Division Courthouse, located at 1 So.  
21 Sierra.  
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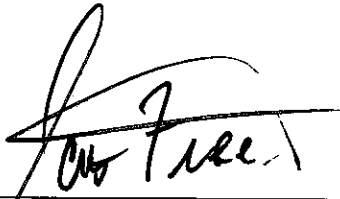
23           Modification of this restriction on in-person public access shall only be in exigent  
24 circumstances and only by judicial order.

25           Public access to the courthouses which will continue include: electronic filing, telephone  
26 calls, live chat, electronic mail, physical mail, and remote hearings.  
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1 This order shall be reviewed no later than every 30 days and shall continue until modified  
2 or rescinded by a subsequent order.

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4 IT IS SO ORDERED.

5 DATED this 18 day of March, 2020.

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9 CHIEF DISTRICT JUDGE  
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