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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:  
THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT'S  
RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE  
(COVID-19)

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-09**  
**[DEPENDENCY MATTERS]**

WHEREAS, the Second Judicial District Court ("District Court") Chief Judge has authority to make administrative decisions pertaining to the business of the court (WDCR 2(2), NRS 3.025(2)(c));

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Steve Sisolak ("Governor Sisolak") issued a Declaration of Emergency in Nevada to facilitate response to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic;

WHEREAS, as the result of the Declaration of Emergency for COVID-19, Governor Sisolak issued Directives governing activities in Nevada, including a stay at home order and directives limiting the number of persons who can gather;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Administrative Order 2020-02 was entered by Chief Judge Scott N. Freeman ("the Chief Judge") identifying "essential case types and hearings";

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2           WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Chief Judge issued Administrative Order 2020-05 which  
3 temporarily closed the courthouse to in-person public access;

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5           WHEREAS, on April 9, 2020, Administrative Order 2020-02(A) was entered by the Chief  
6 Judge extending Administrative Order 2020-02 and requiring all scheduled District Court hearings to  
7 be conducted by alternative means to in-person hearings, or decided on the papers, or rescheduled  
8 unless otherwise ordered by the Chief Judge;

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10           WHEREAS, on May 19, 2020, Administrative Order 2020-02(B) was entered by the Chief  
11 Judge extending Administrative Orders 2020-02 and 2020-02(A);

12           WHEREAS, on June 11, 2020, Administrative Order 2020-02(C) was entered by the Chief  
13 Judge extending Administrative Orders 2020-02, 2020-02(A), and 2020-02(B); and,

14           WHEREAS additional Administrative Orders have been issued on other court matters and all  
15 Administrative Orders are available at [washoecourts.com/Main/AdminOrders](http://washoecourts.com/Main/AdminOrders).

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17           **Accordingly, after review, and good cause appearing therefor, this Administrative**  
18 **Order 2020-09 follows:**

19           This Order is intended to be consistent with the Declaration of Emergency in Nevada and to  
20 effectuate Governor Sisolak's issued Directives resulting from the Declaration of Emergency and  
21 subsequent renewals or extensions of said Directives.  
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23           All provisions of Administrative Orders issued shall remain in full force and effect except as  
24 specifically modified or supplemented by this or other subsequent Administrative Orders.

25           Due to the on-going health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, all scheduled hearings  
26 and settlement conferences in Dependency related-matters may be conducted by alternative means to  
27 in-person hearings, decided on the papers, or rescheduled, unless otherwise ordered by the juvenile  
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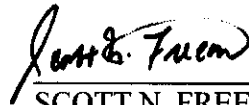
1 dependency judge or court master to which the case is assigned. All such hearings and settlement  
2 conferences may be conducted in accordance with Nevada Supreme Court Rules Part IX-B: (A) rules  
3 Governing Appearance by Telephonic Transmission Equipment for Civil and Family Court  
4 Proceedings; and/or (B) Rules Governing Appearance by Simultaneous Audiovisual Transmission  
5 Equipment for Civil and Family Court Proceedings.  
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7 Hearing types identified as "essential" in the Administrative Order 2020-02 will continue to  
8 have priority in the Dependency Court.

9 This Order shall be reviewed no later than every sixty (60) days and shall continue until  
10 modified or rescinded by a subsequent order.  
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12 IT IS SO ORDERED.

13 DATED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2020.



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SCOTT N. FREEMAN  
CHIEF JUDGE