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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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IN THE FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

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IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER OF:

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GENERAL ELECTION 2010

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EMERGENCY MATTERS AND

ELECTION JUDGE ASSIGNMENT

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 10-05

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WHEREAS the District Court has received inquiries from several parties as to the

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availability of the Second Judicial District Court for after hours emergencies during the

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2010 General Election on November 2, 2010, and

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WHEREAS the sound administration of justice and in support of consistency and

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predictability, the same judge should hear all election litigation arising between election

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day and the Certification of the Elections as to all candidates, and

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WHEREAS the Second Judicial District Court has a strong history of utilizing the

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random selection process for securing a judge to initially hear consolidated and related

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matters, and

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WHEREAS the Chief Judge of the Court is responsible for the overall

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administrative process of the Court, and

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WHEREAS in prior contested election cases, the clerk's minutes and Court

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Reporters notes have been required by reviewing Courts and have proven invaluable to

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the parties and public in understanding the process and decisions of the Court, and

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1 WHEREAS a uniform administrative process will assist the Clerk of the Court,
2 Judicial Officer assigned to the case(s), the parties, counsel and public,

3 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

4 1. The Chief Judge does direct the Clerk to open the Court Filing Office at
5 7:00 a.m. November 2, 2010, and not close the filing office on that day until notified by
6 the Registrar of Voters that the last polling location in Washoe County has closed;

7 2. During the extended hours of operation, the Clerk must only accept filings
8 related to the 2010 General Election;

9 3. The Clerk must accept filings that are accompanied by appropriate fees;

10 4. The Clerk will randomly select, through the normal case assignment
11 process, the 2010 General "Election Judge," no advance selection of the "Election
12 Judge" shall take place;

13 5. The "Election Judge" shall only be selected if a matter relating to the 2010
14 General Election is filed between November 2, 2010 and the certification of all 2010
15 General Elections within the County;

16 6. If a matter is filed or heard on November 2, 2008 after regular business
17 hours, the matter will be "clerked" by Deputy Clerk Prince, and court reported by
18 Captions Unlimited.

19 7. Subsequent hearings will be "clerked" by the Deputy Clerk regularly
20 assigned to the "Election Judge" and court reported by the reporter selected by the
21 "Election Judge".

22 8. All matters shall be heard by the "Election Judge" on the record with a
23 Deputy Clerk and Court Reporter present; no ex parte decisions will be entered by the
24 "Election Judge" unless supported by exigent circumstances.

25 9. Once the "Election Judge" is selected, that Judge will handle all election
26 contests which come to the Second Judicial District Court regarding the 2010 General
27 Election which are filed between November 2, 2010 and until the day after the last date
28 any election on the 2010 General Election ballot is certified.

