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Clerk of Superior Court of California,
County of Sonoma
By *[Signature]*
Deputy Clerk

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SONOMA**

GENERAL ORDER RE: SMALL CLAIMS MATTERS

This Court HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Since March 4, 2020, the State of California has been in a State of Emergency relating to COVID-19.

2. On March 17, 2020, the County of Sonoma Public Health Officer issued an order directing all individuals living in Sonoma County to shelter at their place of residence except that they may leave to provide or receive certain essential services or engage in certain essential activities and work for essential businesses and governmental services to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

3. Essential functions of the Superior Court at this time are limited to proceedings that are required to comply with defendants' constitutional rights, protect the health and safety of the parties or address jail population concerns.

4. Protection of public health and safety in connection with this situation has resulted or is expected to result in significant interference with Superior Court services and proceedings.

1 5. Under Code of Civil Procedure, section 116.570 subdivision (a), the court finds
2 and declares that good cause exists for postponing the time period within which a small claims
3 matter may be heard as provided in Code of Civil Procedure, section 116.570 subdivision (a).
4 The court will issue orders resetting the hearings of all small claims matters to a later date with
5 notice to the parties.

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7 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

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9 Dated: March 23, 2020



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11 Presiding Judge Bradford Demeo
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