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Clerk of Superior Court of California,
County of Sonoma

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SONOMA

IN RE: COURT OPERATIONS

ADDENDUM TO FIRST AMENDED
OMNIBUS ORDER OF THE PRESIDING
JUDGE

On April 28, 2020, the Court filed and issued a First Amended Omnibus General Order re Court Operations. The introductory paragraphs and recitals of that document are incorporated herein by this reference as if fully set forth in this document.

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 Court employees, parties and address jail population concerns.

Accordingly, and for the foregoing reasons, under the authority granted to me by the Chief Justice in her orders pursuant to Government Code, section 68115 dated March 16, 2020 and March 30, 2020, and her statewide orders dated March 23, 2020 and March 30, 2020, and for good cause, this Court **HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

In order to fulfill its constitutional and statutory requirements for judicial services to litigants and parties who have legal matters pending, the Sonoma County Superior Court will expand operations and open nine additional courtrooms in the criminal division on June 1, 2020.

Out of concern for public health and safety due to the COVID-19 pandemic, until further notice only those persons with court hearings *in criminal actions* and jurors shall enter a Sonoma County Superior Court facility on the day of the hearing or trial. However, remote attendance is strongly encouraged when appropriate. Persons who are permitted to enter for

1 **criminal** proceedings shall include parties and counsel for parties, victims, jurors and witnesses
2 subject to subpoena. Witnesses shall enter the courthouse only on the day for which the witness
3 is providing testimony. If any person permitted to enter into a courthouse building violates any
4 rule of entry they shall be subject to immediate removal from the courthouse premises. With the
5 exception of court personnel, no other persons shall be permitted to enter without a showing of
6 individual good cause.

7 Further, out of concern for public health and safety due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is
8 necessary to limit the size of calendars to a hard cap maximum in each of the courtrooms to
9 comply with current Shelter in Place Orders of the Sonoma County Health Officer, the Governor
10 of the State of California, and the President of the United States. Thus, many cases have been re-
11 noticed to new court dates. Operational details will be provided through public announcements
12 on the Court's website and press releases.

13 The Sonoma County courthouse buildings remain closed to general visitors and casual
14 observers including family and friends of litigants, of victims and of witnesses, until further
15 notice.

16 All persons coming to the courthouse will be required to check in and participate in a
17 health screening protocol before being cleared to proceed into the building.

18 It is so ORDERED.

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20 Dated: May 27, 2020

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23 BRADFORD J. DEMEO
24 PRESIDING JUDGE
25 SONOMA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
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