IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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Administrative Order

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Order Continuing Administrative Orders Suspending Statutes of Limitation, Statutory Time Standards, Deadlines, and Time Limitations Under State Finance Council's Extension of the State of Disaster Emergency related to COVID-19 through January 26, 2021.

As the Chief Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court, I have issued multiple Administrative Orders under 2020 House Substitute for Senate Bill 102, which became effective upon its publication in the Kansas Register on March 19, 2020 (39 Kan. Reg. 304), and the Legislature's amendments to 2020 House Substitute for Senate Bill 102, § 1, through 2020 Spec. Sess. House Bill 2016, § 24, which became effective upon its publication in the Kansas Register on June 9, 2020 (39 Kan. Reg. 755). This legislation allows me to "issue an order to extend or suspend any deadlines or time limitations established by statute."

2020 Spec. Sess. House Bill 2016 ratified the state of disaster emergency declarations issued by the Governor and continued in existence the disaster emergency declaration issued for all 105 counties of Kansas, from March 12, 2020, through September 15, 2020. 2020 Spec. Sess. House Bill 2016, § 5, L. 2020 Spec. Session, Ch. 1, § 5. On September 11, 2020, the State Finance Council voted to extend the state of disaster emergency through October 15, 2020. On October 7, 2020, the State Finance Council voted to extend the state of disaster emergency from and including October 16, 2020, through November 15, 2020. On November 13, 2020, the State Finance Council voted to extend the state of disaster emergency from and including November 16, 2020, through December 15, 2020. On December 11, 2020, the State Finance Council voted to extend the state of disaster emergency from and including December 16, 2020, through January 10, 2021. Most recently, on January 6, 2021, the State Finance Council voted to extend the state of disaster emergency from and including January 11, 2021, through January 26, 2021.

Under the authority granted to me by 2020 House Substitute for Senate Bill 102, L. 2020 Session, Ch. 4, as amended by 2020 Spec. Sess. House Bill 2016, § 24, L. 2020 Spec. Session, Ch. 1, § 24, and amendments thereto, and in connection with the State Finance Council's extension of the state of disaster emergency related to COVID-19 through January 26, 2021, because it remains necessary to take action to secure the health and safety of court users, staff, and judicial officers, I order the following:

1. Administrative Orders 2020-PR-130, 2020-PR-113, 2020-PR-107, and 2020-PR-101 are incorporated herein by reference, reissued, and remain in effect under the State Finance Council's extension of the state of disaster emergency through January 26, 2021. Each Administrative Order listed in the bulleted list in numbered paragraph 1 of Administrative Order 2020-PR-101 suspending statutes of limitation, statutory time standards, deadlines, and time limitations—including those suspending the time to bring a defendant to trial established by K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 22-3402, and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 12-4501—continues in existence under the State's Finance Council's extension of the state of disaster emergency declaration through January 26, 2021.

2. This order, Administrative Order 2020-PR-130, Administrative Order 2020-PR-113, Administrative Order 2020-PR-107, Administrative Order 2020-PR-101, and the administrative orders in the bulleted list in numbered paragraph 1 of Administrative Order 2020-PR-101 will remain in effect until my further order or this order's expiration under the terms of 2020 House Substitute for Senate Bill 102, §1, L. 2020 Session Ch. 4, § 1, as amended by 2020 Spec. Sess. House Bill 2016, § 24, L. 2020 Special Session Ch. 1, § 24, and amendments thereto.

Dated this 8th day of January 2021.

MARLA LUCKERT
Chief Justice