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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAIʻI

In the Matter of the Judiciary's Response
to the COVID-19 Outbreak

ORDER REGARDING TRIALS
(By: Recktenwald, C.J.)

On March 5, 2020, Governor David Ige declared a state of emergency in Hawaiʻi in response to the public health threat posed by COVID-19. In response to the declared state of emergency, I issued an Order on March 16, 2020 in an effort to ensure the health and safety of court personnel and users and minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19 in the courts. Consistent with the continued recommendations of public health authorities to take steps to avoid potential transmission of COVID-19, including by avoiding public gatherings, and pursuant to Article VI, sections 6 and 7 of the Hawaiʻi Constitution and Hawaiʻi Revised Statutes §§ 601-1.5 and 601-2,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all trials in civil, criminal, and family courts shall be postponed to a date after Friday, May 29, 2020, or to a date after the termination of the state of emergency as declared by Governor Ige, whichever is sooner, unless otherwise ordered by the chief judge of the respective circuit.

The other provisions of my March 16, 2020 Order remain in effect, subject to my further modification. The emergency orders previously issued by the chief judge of each circuit shall also remain in effect, unless modified by the chief judge of said circuit.

This order may be modified or extended as necessary.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawai‘i, April 17, 2020.

/s/ Mark E. Recktenwald

Chief Justice