ORDER 27. EMERGENCY SUSPENSION OF EVICTION PROCEEDINGS

(a) In N.D.Sup.Ct.Admin.O. 25, the Justices of the North Dakota Supreme Court declared a state of emergency statewide for the Judicial Branch due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

(b) Additional federal and state government entities have declared public health emergencies due to the COVID-19 pandemic and recommended limiting contact between individuals. This has resulted in the closure of public facilities, including courthouses.

(c) Because public access to court facilities has been limited, it is hereby ORDERED~~:~~

~~(1) All residential eviction proceedings under N.D.C.C. ch. 47-32 are suspended until further order of the Court. Upon a showing of good cause in a specific case, the trial court may proceed on its own discretion.~~

~~(2) If eviction proceedings occur or resume~~ In eviction proceedings conducted during the North Dakota judicial emergency declared in Administrative Order 25~~, testimony may be submitted~~: (1) proceedings may be conduted in person or using contemporaneous audio or audiovisual transmission by reliable electronic means under N.D.Sup.Ct.Admin.R. 52~~. The~~ ;

(2) the hearing may not be fewer than three or more than 45 days from the date on which the summons is issued~~.~~; and

(3) a record of all proceedings must be made as required by N.D.Sup.Ct.Admin.R. 39.

(d) This order is adopted on an emergency basis, effective immediately. Amended April 22, 2020, effective immediately.

The Supreme Court of the State of North Dakota, with the Honorable Jon J. Jensen, Chief Justice, and the Honorable Gerald W. VandeWalle, the Honorable Daniel J. Crothers, the Honorable Lisa Fair McEvers, and the Honorable Jerod E. Tufte, Justices, directed the Clerk of the Supreme Court to enter the above order.

Dated April 23, 2020

Petra H. Mandigo Hulm
Clerk
North Dakota Supreme Court