IN THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WYOMING

October Term, A.D. 2019

In the Matter of the Suspension of Rules Requiring Paper Copies of Pleadings in the Supreme Court ***)***

ORDER SUSPENDING RULES REQUIRING PAPER COPIES OF PLEADINGS IN THE SUPREME COURT

This matter came before the Court on its own motion. On March 13, 2020, Governor Mark Gordon entered Executive Order 2020-2, declaring a state of emergency and a public health emergency in the State of Wyoming due to the health risk posed by the coronavirus, also known as COVID-19. In light of this declaration and to protect the health and safety of court employees, attorneys and litigants, the Supreme Court hereby **ORDERS** that the following measures should be implemented from March 23, 2020 until further order of this Court.

The rules requiring paper copies of documents that can be filed electronically are suspended. See W.R.A.P. 1.01(c). Pleadings filed through the C-Track electronic filing system will be printed by the clerk's office and copied as needed.

When initiating a new proceeding, such as by a W.R.A.P. 13 petition, attorneys or *pro se* parties should, if possible, email their pleading to scclerks@courts.state.wy.us, and the clerk will print the pleading and file stamp it. The clerk will respond by email to verify receipt of the pleading. Such pleadings will be considered filed the date they are received by email, so long as any required docketing fee is received by mail within a reasonable time after filing of the initial pleading. After the docket fee is received, the clerk will create an appropriate docket page on the C-Track electronic filing system. For cases in which a party seeks to proceed *in forma pauperis*, a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* should accompany the petition or other initial pleading.

For *pro se* parties who are unable to initiate a new proceeding by email and/or are not permitted to file pleadings through the C-Track electronic filing system, the Court will continue to accept pleadings through the mail. Documents will not be accepted at the Clerk of Court's office in person. Documents will be accepted through a drop box located in the security area.

DATED this 20th day of March, 2020.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

MICHAEL K. DAVIS
Chief Justice