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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM

RE:) Supreme Court of Guam
SECOND UPDATED ORDER) Administrative Order No. ADM20-407
RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING)
THE MAGISTRATES TO PRESIDE)
OVER WARRANT RETURNS IN)
ALL CRIMINAL MATTERS)
BEFORE THE SUPERIOR COURT)
OF GUAM UNDER EXIGENT)
CIRCUMSTANCES RELATED TO)
COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS))

Because of the continued public health concerns arising from the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* has issued a series of executive orders to stem the spread of the virus. The most recent of such orders, Executive Order No. 2020-30, extends the stay-at-home directive and continues the suspension of most government operations until 12:00 p.m. on September 11, 2020.

The Seventh Updated Order issued as ADM20-406, provides that magistrate proceedings and warrant returns in criminal cases are deemed essential matters and have not been suspended. Under 7 GCA § 4401(c), “[a]s assigned by the Chief Justice, a magistrate shall . . . hear return of warrants in all cases to which assigned.” 7 GCA § 4401(c)(5). On August 21, 2020, Administrative Order ADM20-400 was issued authorizing the Magistrates to preside over warrant returns in all criminal cases before the Superior Court of Guam through August 31, 2020. That authority was extended until September 9, 2020, at 8:00 a.m., through Administrative Order ADM20-404. Under my authority as Chief Justice and because of the exigent circumstances related to COVID-19 and the need to implement stronger measures to stem the spread of the virus, the Magistrates shall continue to preside over warrant returns in all criminal cases before the

1 Superior Court of Guam effective from August 21, 2020, until September 30, 2020. This Second
2 Updated Administrative Order is necessary to limit the transmission of the disease and reduce the
3 number of essential staff required to assist with criminal matters outlined in the Seventh Updated
4 Order.

5 This Second Updated Order shall repeal and replace Administrative Order 20-404 and will
6 be revised as circumstances warrant.

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8 **SO ORDERED** this 4th day of September 2020.

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13 **F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO**
14 **Chief Justice**
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