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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM

RE:) Supreme Court of Guam
FOURTEENTH UPDATED ORDER) Administrative Order No. ADM21-002
RELATIVE TO COURT)
OPERATIONS UNDER EXIGENT)
CIRCUMSTANCES RELATED TO)
COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS))
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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 orders placed the island in Pandemic Condition of Readiness (PCOR) 2 beginning January 18, 2021, *see* Exec. Order No. 2021-01, and extended the public health emergency until March 1, 2021, *see* Exec. Order No. 2021-03.

In line with the various executive orders, the court, under its jurisdiction to issue orders in aid of its supervisory jurisdiction over the Superior Court of Guam and all other courts of the judicial branch of Guam, has issued several administrative orders to protect the public health. The most recent administrative order, ADM21-001, tolled all time periods involving the speedy trial procedure in criminal proceedings through February 28, 2021, among other measures.

Since the start of the public health emergency, the court has searched for innovative ways to continue to provide access to justice for the people of Guam while also keeping public health and safety at the forefront, including expanding the use of technology to conduct remote hearings and implementing various measures to adhere to Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) social distancing guidelines and other mitigation efforts. The court has also renovated, constructed, and leased alternative facilities to safely hold jury selections and jury trials, with additional facilities underway. At the same time, the court recognizes that even with the continued improvement in the island's COVID-19 positivity rate, DPHSS social distancing requirements will



