STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

DECLARATION OF KEITH ELLISON

v.

J. Alexander Kueng, Court File No.: 27-CR-20-12953

Thomas Kiernan Lane, Court File No.: 27-CR-20-12951

Tou Thao, Court File No.: 27-CR-20-12949

Defendants.

STATE OF MINNESOTA) ss. COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

KEITH ELLISON, being first duly sworn deposes and states:

- 1. I represent the State of Minnesota in this matter.
- 2. I was not the source of the information in the February 10, 2021 New York Times article about plea negotiations with Defendant Chauvin's counsel.
- 3. I did not order or ratify the disclosure of that information to the media.
- 4. Attached hereto is a copy of the letter I wrote to the Court on February 19, 2021 regarding this matter. My statements in that letter are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

PURSUANT TO MINN. STAT. § 358.116 (2020), I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT EVERYTHING I HAVE STATED IN THIS DOCUMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

KEITH ELLISON