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STATE OF MINNESOTA

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DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF RAMSEY

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

62CV-20-5

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**THIRD ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER EXTENDING  
THE DURATION OF COVID-19 EMERGENCY  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS**

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**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz declared a peacetime state of emergency due to the worldwide spread of COVID-19, also referred to as the Coronavirus; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States also declared a nationwide state of emergency due to the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recommended several steps to help slow or prevent the spread of COVID-19. These steps include avoiding close contact with others, staggering work schedules, and limiting gatherings; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 13, 2020, in Executive Order No. 20-53, the Governor Walz extended the statewide peacetime emergency to June 12, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 13, 2020, in Executive Order No. 20-56, Governor Walz declared the Judicial Branch exempt from the limits on gatherings imposed by Executive Order No. 20-56 and further declared that proceedings held by the Judicial Branch are subject to policies established by the Chief Justice as directed by court order; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 15, 2020, the Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court filed Administrative Order ADM20-8001, which superseded all prior emergency administrative orders, reissued the substance of the May 1, 2020 emergency administrative order, placed the Judicial Branch in the "transitional phase", and adopted the emergency measures without an expiration date; and

**WHEREAS**, the Second Judicial District is taking necessary and reasonable steps to reduce potential exposure of persons to group settings; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 484.69, subd. 3, the Chief Judge of the Second Judicial District has general administrative authority over the courts in the Second Judicial District; and

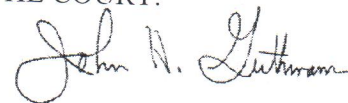
**WHEREAS**, in an effort to protect the public, court participants, and court staff pursuant to the Executive Orders issued by the Governor and the Emergency Administrative Orders issued by the Minnesota Supreme Court, it is necessary for the Second Judicial District to extend the effective date of certain administrative orders issued in response to the COVID-19 health emergency:

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. It is necessary to extend the expiration date of the following Administrative Orders issued by the Second Judicial District in response to the COVID-19 emergency:
  - a. Administrative Order Delegating Certain Judicial Release Authority (filed March 19, 2020).
  - b. Administrative Order Pertaining to Courtroom Access During COVID-19 Emergency (filed March 21, 2020).
  - c. Administrative Order Delegating Authority to Ramsey County Community Corrections to Release Incarcerated Defendants on Electronic Home Monitoring (filed March 23, 2020).
  - d. Administrative Order Restricting Visitation at the Ramsey County Juvenile Detention Center (filed March 25, 2020).
  - e. Administrative Order Restricting Visitation at Brittany's Place Shelter (filed March 26, 2020).
  - f. Administrative Order Suspending Oral Argument in Motions Filed and Fully Briefed in Certain Civil Actions (filed March 27, 2020).
  - g. Administrative Order Declaring Certain Housing/Eviction Matters Non-Public (filed March 31, 2020).
  - h. Administrative Order Regarding Case Manager Remote Appearance in Civil Commitment Cases (filed April 3, 2020).
2. **The expiration date of the Administrative Orders referenced in paragraph 1 are extended and shall remain in full force and effect until rescinded or amended by a further court order.**
3. As for the Amended Administrative Order Delegating to the Ramsey County Department of Community Corrections Authority to Place Certain Defendants on Electronic Home Monitoring, Delaying the Turn in Date for Certain Defendants, and Suspending the Sentence to Service Program (filed April 20, 2020), the order itself is already effective until July 15, 2020. However, without changing any other part of the Order, it is necessary to amend paragraph 4 of the Amended Administrative Order as follows:
4. The Sentence-to-Service program is suspended until midnight on **July 15, 2020**, after which time suspended program time will be rescheduled by Community Corrections.

Dated: May 18, 2020

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John H. Guthmann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being more prominent.

Guthmann, John (Judge)

May 18 2020 11:00 AM

John H. Guthmann

Chief Judge, Second Judicial District