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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KERN**

**GENERAL ORDER RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY RELIEF  
AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 68115 BY CHAIR  
OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to health and safety concerns resulting in substantial operational impediments, and the proclamations of states of emergency by federal, state, and local officials, it was determined that the conditions described in Government Code section 68115(a) were met with regard to the Superior Court of Kern County (Court) as of March 17, 2020. At the request of Presiding Judge Judith K. Dulcich, an order issued on that date authorizing the Court to implement certain relief authorized by section 68115(a). Upon the renewed request of Presiding Judge Dulcich it is determined that the conditions described in section 68115(a) continue to exist (Gov. Code, § 68115(b)), and it is ordered that the Court is authorized to do the following:

1. Declare that from April 1, 2020, through April 30, 2020, inclusive, be deemed holidays for purposes of computing the time for filing papers with the court under Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a, if the above-described emergency conditions substantially interfere with the public's ability to file papers in a court facility on those dates. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(4).)

2. Extend the time periods provided in sections 583.310 and 583.320 of the Code of Civil Procedure to bring an action to trial by not more than 30 days in cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from April 1, 2020, through April 30, 2020, inclusive. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(6).)

3. Extend by not more than 20 days the duration of any temporary restraining order that would otherwise expire from April 1, 2020, through April 30, 2020, inclusive, because the emergency condition described herein prevented the court from conducting proceedings to determine whether a permanent order should be entered. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(7).)

4. Extend the time period provided in section 313 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings must be released

1 from custody to not more than seven (7) days. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11).) This applies only to  
2 minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from April 1, 2020, through April  
3 30, 2020, inclusive.

4 5. Extend the time period provided in section 315 of the Welfare and Institutions  
5 Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings must be given a  
6 detention hearing to not more than seven (7) days. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11).) This applies only  
7 to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from April 1, 2020, through  
8 April 30, 2020, inclusive.

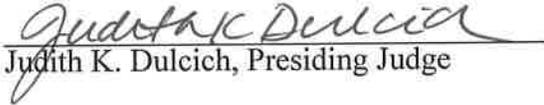
9 6. Extend the time periods provided in sections 632 and 637 of the Welfare and  
10 Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending wardship proceedings and  
11 charged with a felony offense must be given a detention hearing or rehearing to not more than  
12 seven (7) days. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11).) This applies only to minors for whom the statutory  
13 deadline otherwise would expire from April 1, 2020, through April 30, 2020, inclusive.

14 7. Extend the time period provided in section 334 of the Welfare and Institutions  
15 Code within which a hearing on a juvenile dependency petition must be held by not more than  
16 fifteen (15) days. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(12).) This applies only to minors for whom the statutory  
17 deadline otherwise would expire from April 1, 2020, through April 30, 2020.

18 8. Extend the time period provided in section 657 of the Welfare and Institutions  
19 Code within which a hearing on a wardship petition for a minor charged with a felony offense  
20 must be held by not more than fifteen (15) days. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(12).) This applies only  
21 to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from April 1, 2020, through  
22 April 30, 2020, inclusive.

23 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

24 Dated: 4/1/20

  
Judith K. Dulcich, Presiding Judge