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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 CHIEF
JUSTICE AND CHAIR OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to health and safety concerns resulting in substantial impediments, and the proclamations of a states of emergency by Governor Gavin Newsom and President Donald Trump, it has been determined that the conditions described in section 68115 of the Government Code are met with regard to the Superior Court of Kern County (the Court). Based upon this Order issued May 1, 2020 by the Chief Justice and Chair of the Judicial Council authorized by section 68115, Presiding Judge Judith K. Dulcich hereby orders:

1. 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 from custody is extended 7 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from May 1, 2020, to May 29, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11));

2. The time period provided in section 315 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings must be given a detention hearing is extended to 7 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from May 1, 2020, to May 29, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11));

3. The time periods provided in sections 632 and 637 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending wardship proceedings and charged with a felony offense must be given a detention hearing or rehearing is extended to 7 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from May 1, 2020, to May 29, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11));

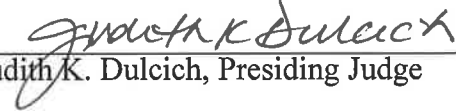
4. The time period provided in section 334 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a hearing on a juvenile dependency petition must be held is extended to 15 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from May 1, 2020, to May 29, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(12)); and

5. The time period provided in section 657 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within

1 which a hearing on a wardship petition for a minor charged with a felony offense must be held is
2 extended by 15 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would
3 expire from May 1, 2020, to May 29, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(12)).
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5 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

6 Dated: 5/1/20
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8 Judith K. Dulcich, Presiding Judge
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