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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

In the matter of

PLAN OF OPERATION IN THE
ABSENCE OF APPROPRIATION OR
CONTINUING RESOLUTION

GENERAL ORDER 13-22

Effective October 16, 2013, this Court adopts the attached Plan of Operation in the
Absence of Appropriation or Continuing Resolution for the United States District Court
for the District of Arizona.

DATED this 16th day of October, 2013.



Raner C. Collins
Chief United States District Judge

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

PLAN OF OPERATION IN ABSENCE OF APPROPRIATION

The Court adopts the following plan for operating in the absence of an appropriation or continuing resolution. Essential Judicial branch activities will continue. The activities set forth in this plan, and the employees who perform them, are essential.

Essential work includes:

- (1) Activities necessary to support the exercise of Article III judicial power, i.e., the resolution of cases in which there is a constitutional or statutory grant of jurisdiction;
- (2) Emergency activities necessary for the safety of human life and the protection of property; and
- (3) Activities otherwise authorized by law, either expressly or by necessary implication, including:
 - (a) Items guaranteed by the Constitution;
 - (b) Activities funded with no-year appropriations (e.g., information technology resources, jury system, federal defender program);
 - (c) Entitlement programs (e.g., Judicial Survivors Annuities System, which is partly funded by judges' salaries); and
 - (d) Minimal activities needed for an orderly shutdown of other official functions.

The Court will continue to hear and decide cases; process civil and criminal cases; and issue and enforce judgments. Judges will continue to work full-time. Each judge's chambers staff, i.e., law clerks and judicial assistants, are essential to the resolution of cases. This includes all capital case and pro se staff attorneys. Probation and Pretrial Services officers and administrative staff who make their work possible, will continue to supervise pretrial releasees, probationers and those on supervised release. Clerk's office staff has previously been reduced by budget cuts and sequestration to the point that all remaining employees are necessary to the resolution of cases. Accordingly, all Clerk's office employees are essential. Essential employees must report to their assigned duty stations during their normal work hours. Travel that is not necessary for case resolution or law enforcement purposes will not be undertaken, unless approved by the Chief Judge.

1 The General Services Administration, the Federal Protective Service and the
2 United States Marshals Service are requested to maintain all functions necessary for the
3 continued safe use of all United States District Court facilities in the District.

4 DATED this 16th day of October, 2013.

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