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CLERK US DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

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6 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**
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9 In the matter of

10 CONTINUING COURT OPERATIONS IN
11 THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA UNDER
12 THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES
13 CREATED BY CORONAVIRUS
14 DISEASE (COVID-19)

GENERAL ORDER 21-02

15 **SUPERSEDES GENERAL ORDER 20-40**

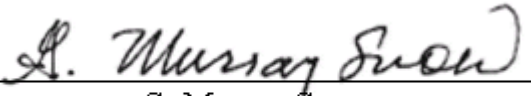
16 WHEREAS (1) This Court has promulgated and followed certain procedures,
17 including but not limited to mandatory masking, social distancing, limiting the number of
18 procedures on any given day, and promoting air circulation and renewal, so as to permit a
19 variety of court functions to proceed during the pandemic; (2) Nevertheless, the COVID-
20 19 (novel coronavirus) outbreak remains both a global and a national public health
21 emergency; (3) Beginning during the month of December and continuing into January, the
22 state of Arizona has experienced some of the highest per capital COVID infection rates in
23 the world; (4) Transmission rates continue to remain high in Mexico which borders Arizona
24 on the south; and (5) The number of hospitalization and ICU admissions have risen nearly
25 to capacity during the months of December and January, resulting in peaks in the Arizona
26 death rates for the virus.

27 In light of the above, the United States District Court for the District of Arizona has
28 concluded that additional temporary steps to protect the health and the safety of the public
are necessary.

1 NOW THEREFORE, the United States District Court for the District of Arizona,
2 orders the following effective immediately:

- 3 1. The provisions for the operations of and admission to the Flagstaff and Yuma
4 Courthouses set forth in General Order 20-26 and renewed in General Order 20-36
5 remain in place and/or are extended until further notice.
- 6 2. Except as set forth in the numbered paragraphs three through five below, the
7 provisions for the operations of and the admission to the Tucson and Phoenix
8 Courthouses set forth in General Order 20-26 and renewed in General Order 20-36
9 remain in place and/or are extended until further notice.
- 10 3. All criminal and civil jury trials not presently begun but scheduled either for the
11 month of January and February shall be postponed until further notice. Depending
12 upon the public health situation, such trials may be further postponed.
- 13 4. All Grand Jury proceedings are suspended until further notice.
- 14 5. Limited naturalization ceremonies scheduled to begin in February 2021, shall
15 proceed as scheduled.
- 16 6. Limited attorney admission ceremonies as set forth in General Order 20-26 may
17 continue as therein described.

18 Dated this 11th day of January, 2021.

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21 G. Murray Snow
22 Chief United States District Judge
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