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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

IMPLEMENTATION ORDER DURING  
COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

ORDER RE: JURY TRIALS  
(March 22, 2021 – April 21, 2021)

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to health and safety concerns and resultant operational impediments, the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, has sought an extension of emergency relief from Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye from various statutory deadlines involving jury trials. This relief is sought to reduce the public safety risk arising from convening large venire panels and conducting jury selection in physical circumstances that may increase the risk to potential jurors, judicial officers and court staff as well as other individuals involved in those proceedings to contracting COVID-19. While the court has taken steps to address social distancing requirements and implemented other COVID-19 safety focused protocols, there had been a significant increase in the number of COVID-19 positive cases in Humboldt County, which has resolved to some extent, but continues to negatively impact the number of people willing to serve as jurors at this time. Even with the vaccination process proceeding in Humboldt County, many individuals continue to

1 convey concerns about risks of COVID exposure, and the court is experiencing substantially  
2 higher numbers of postponements or excuses from jury service for COVID-related reasons.

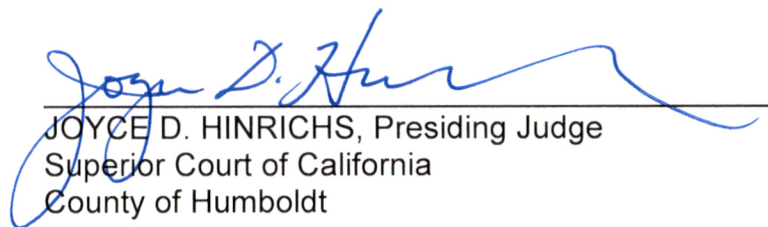
3 Exercising the authority granted under Government Code section 68115 and the  
4 renewed Request for Judicial Emergency Order of Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chair  
5 of the Judicial Council of California, made by the Superior Court of California, County of  
6 Humboldt ("Court"), Presiding Judge Joyce D. Hinrichs, on this day, HEREBY FINDS AND  
7 ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

8 Any judge of the Humboldt County Superior Court may extend the time period provided  
9 in section 1382 of the Penal Code for the holding of a criminal trial by not more than thirty (30)  
10 days applicable only to cases in which the original or previously extended statutory deadline  
11 otherwise would expire on and between March 22, 2021, to April 21, 2021, inclusive. (Gov.  
12 Code, § 68115(a)(10).)

13 This Order is based on a finding of good cause arising out of the Public Health Crisis  
14 and above recitations. This Order will facilitate the court's goal and that of our state and county  
15 of eliminating the need to gather large numbers of people in enclosed spaces that jury trials  
16 necessarily require.

17 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

18 DATED: March 22, 2021

  
JOYCE D. HINRICHS, Presiding Judge  
Superior Court of California  
County of Humboldt

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