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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PINAL

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DEPUTY

IN THE MATTER OF SET THE CURRENT)
STANDARD CAPACITY LEVEL FOR JURY)
TRIALS IN THE SUPERIOR COURT THROUGH) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
MARCH 12, 2021, INCLUDING AMENDING)
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 202000076)
_____) No. 2021 - 000 14

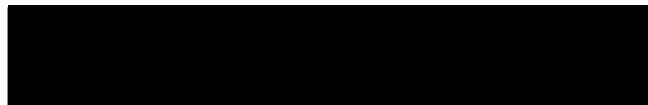
WHEREAS, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Arizona in and for Pinal County is the chief judicial officer of the county and has administrative authority over all courts in Pinal County, pursuant to Article VI of the Arizona Constitution and Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2017-79;

WHEREAS, the Covid-19 Pandemic has previously resulted in the suspension of jury trials and speedy trial rights; and the continuing impact of social distancing and other necessary safety precautions reduce the availability of prospective jurors and reduce the physical capacity of the Superior Court Courthouse to accommodate simultaneous jury trials; and the Presiding Judge having previously adopted *Standard Capacity Levels* and procedures by *Administrative Order 2020-00066*, issued on December 10, 2020, thereby establishing a system to periodically set the jury trial capacity of the Superior Courthouse;

WHEREAS, the Presiding Judge has considered the most recently available public health information and the significantly reduced availability of prospective trial jurors at this stage of the Pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED amending and further restricting the current *Standard Capacity Level* for the Superior Court Courthouse at *FULL SUSPENSION*, as defined in *AO2020-00066*, which temporarily suspends all jury trials. Subject to review, the currently targeted expiration date for this *Standard Capacity Level* is Friday, March 12, 2021, which will be reviewed approximately thirty days prior to that date. This order does not restrict grand juries.

Dated this 22nd day of January 2021, pursuant to the direction by and delegated authority from the Presiding Judge,



Honorable Robert Carter Olson,
Criminal Presiding Judge

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