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SUPERIOR COURT OF WA.
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE COUNTY OF MASON**

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE)
TO A THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH) AMENDED
) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
)
) RE: PROTECTION ORDER
) MATTERS

NO. 22-2-00002-23

THIS MATTER has come before the Court Sua Sponte, the Court finds as follows:

The Supreme Court of Washington has issued emergency orders regarding Superior Court operations in response to the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The orders have found that the serious danger posed by COVID-19 is good cause to grant ongoing emergency authority to this court to adopt, modify, and suspend court rules and orders, and to take further actions concerning court operations, as warranted to address the current state of emergency; and

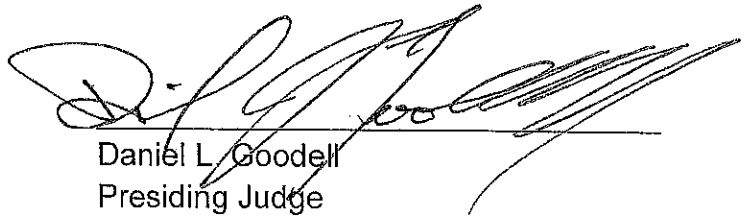
The Court entered an Administrative Order Re: Protection Order Matters on January 5, 2022. The Order was based, in part, upon concerns expressed by the Mason County Director of Community Services regarding the recent increase of the COVID-19 virus in the community and his recommendation that in-person hearings should be suspended at that time. The Court has remained in contact with the Mason County Director of Community Services who has signified a reduction of the COVID-19 virus in the community and no longer recommends a suspension of in-person hearings.

Based upon the above and adopting the further findings as set forth in the above-described Supreme Court orders, the Mason County Superior Court is taking the following actions and entering the following Orders:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. **Amendment to the Administrative Order Re: Protection Order Matters of January 5, 2022.** The Mason County Superior Administrative Order Re: Protection Order Matters, entered on January 5, 2022, is amended and restated as set forth below:
2. **Hearings.** All Protection Order hearings shall be held in person, subject to the provisions of RCW 7.105.205, which allow for virtual proceedings upon request of a party and approval of the Court. Any virtual hearings will occur on the "Zoom" conferencing or other Court approved platform.

DATED this 11th day of March, 2022.



Daniel L. Goodell
Presiding Judge