

FERRY COUNTY DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF WASHINGTON

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DISTRICT COURT
REPUBLIC, WA 99166

**EMERGENCY ORDER SUSPENDING
JURY TRIALS UNTIL DECEMBER
15, 2020**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 20-03

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Inslee proclaimed a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Washington; and, on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak across the country; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court has issued emergency orders in response to the public health emergency that affect operations of the trial courts in Washington, to include Order No. 25700-B-642 issued on September 10, 2020, *Extending Excluded Period in Calculating Time for Trial and Adopting Related Emergency Measures*; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court has granted 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,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to worsen; and,

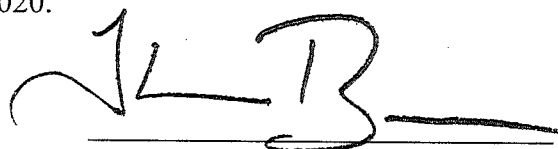
WHEREAS, on 15 November 2020, Governor Inslee announced greater restrictions for public safety.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the Court's authority to administer justice in Ferry County District Court and to ensure the safety of litigants, attorneys, court staff, and members of the public, District Court finds it is necessary to suspend jury trials until December 15, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

All jury trials, both civil and criminal, are suspended until December 15, 2020, at the earliest. The District Court Clerk shall remove from the calendar all jury trial terms scheduled to occur prior to December 15, 2020. The District Court clerks shall strike all cases set on for jury trial prior to December, 2020.

DATED this 16th day of November, 2020.



Thomas D. Brown, Dist. Ct. Judge