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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
FOR THE COUNTY OF MASON

BY  DEPUTY

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE	)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
TO A THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH	)	
	)	RE: DEPENDENCY
	)	MATTERS
	)	NO. 20-2-00006-23

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

On March 18, 2020, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Washington issued an emergency order in response to the public health emergency that affects operations of trial courts in Washington State. In addition to other provisions, the Order recognizes that there are procedural issues in dependency matters not encompassed in the Order and allows this court to address remedies given the current state of emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. **Prior Order Terminated.** This Order replaces the Order of this Court of March 16, 2020, which is now terminated.
2. **Shelter Care and Fact Finding Hearings.** Dependency Shelter Care and Fact Finding hearings shall be heard in the normal course. Telephonic versus personal appearance of parties and witnesses will be determined by the Court on a case by case basis.
3. **Other Hearings.** All other Dependency hearings shall be continued by separate Court Order(s) until after April 24, 2020. In the interim, the Court will consider the entry of agreed orders, Ex Parte, without the parties' appearance and at the Court's discretion. The Court has determined that Good Cause exists in order to

extend any and all time periods related to Dependency review and permanency planning hearings.

DATED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



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Daniel L. Goodell  
Presiding Judge