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4 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OKANOGAN

5 In re:

Administrative Order No. 2020-005

6 COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE
STATE OF EMERGENCY IN
7 OKANOGAN COUNTY

8 WHEREAS on September 8, 2020, the Okanogan County Board of County
9 Commissioners declared a state of emergency in Okanogan County (see resolution 118-2020
attached to this Order) based on an outbreak of wildfires across Okanogan County; and

10 WHEREAS the resolution references the responsibility of local government officials “to
protect the public health, safety and welfare, and to mitigate the effects of such events;” and

11 WHEREAS this situation “creates a considerable hardship for the citizens of Okanogan
County;” and

12 WHEREAS a court-ordered summons to appear for jury duty would exacerbate risks to
public health, safety, and welfare, and increase hardship on citizens summoned to serve; and

13 WHEREAS the wildfire outbreak has interrupted telephone, internet and electrical
14 utilities across the County, and has affected the performance and reliability of the Court’s
recording system (FTR Gold); and

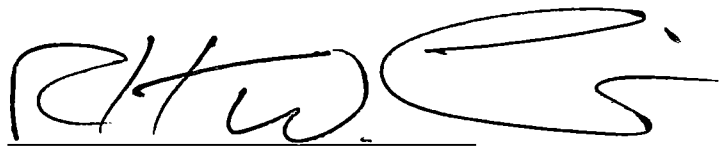
15 WHEREAS the Okanogan County Superior Court has likewise cancelled all jury trials
for the week of September 8, 2020;

16 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

1 1. CONTINUANCE OF SEPTEMBER 10 JURY TRIALS: No jury will be empaneled for trials
2 scheduled for September 10, 2020. Cases set for jury trial on this date will be addressed and
3 re-scheduled as necessary at the currently-scheduled hearing date and time of September 10,
4 2020 at 8:30 am. The parties will be allowed to appear via Zoom videoconference, and the
5 parties are directed to contact the court clerk with an email address and phone number prior
6 to the hearing and appear (remotely via Zoom) as previously ordered.

7 2. APPLICABILITY / DURATION: this Order modifies and supersedes any provisions of
8 Administrative Orders 2020-001, 2020-002, 2020-003, and 2020-004 that are in conflict.
9 This Order shall remain in effect through September 10, 2020, unless later rescinded,
10 modified, or extended by the Court, or unless superseded by further Order of the Supreme
11 Court.

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17 DATED this 8th day of September, 2020.

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Robert W. Grim, Presiding Judge

OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'

RESOLUTION 118 - 2020

A resolution declaring a state of emergency in Okanogan County

WHEREAS: on Sunday, September 6, 2020 Okanogan County experienced several fires in the South and Southeastern portions of the county; and

WHEREAS: local government has the responsibility to protect the public health, safety and welfare, and to mitigate the effects of such events; and

WHEREAS: this situation creates a considerable hardship for the citizens of Okanogan County; and

WHEREAS: there is a present emergency which necessitates utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 36.40.180 and RCW 38.52.070; and

WHEREAS: the Board of County Commissioners wish to open the Fairgrounds to evacuees with animals and provide a sheltering area for those affected; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Okanogan County Commissioners declare a state of emergency due to fires burning in the County.

DATED at Okanogan, Washington this 8th day of September 2020.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OKANOGAN, WASHINGTON**



ATTEST:

Laleña Johns, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Jim DeTro, Chairman

Chris Branch, Member

Andy Hover, Member