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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
Kristi H. Green
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF FREMONT COUNTY, WYOMING
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of the Termination of
COVID-19 Related Orders

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Kristi H. Green Clerk of Court
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Jury Trials – Effective February 1, 2023

**ORDER TERMINATING COURT’S MAY 1, 2022, SECOND AMENDED COVID-19
JURY TRIAL OPERATING PLAN NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
LANDER, FREMONT COUNTY WYOMING**

This matter is before the Court on its own motion and in response to the Wyoming Supreme Court’s January 23, 2023, *Order Terminating COVID-19 Temporary and Emergency Orders* (attached).

In March of 2020, “COVID-19” was deemed a world-wide pandemic and a state of emergency was declared in the United States and Wyoming. As a result, much of our Nation and State were brought to a standstill. It affected nearly every aspect of all of our lives, including the Wyoming Court system. In response, the Wyoming Supreme Court issued a series of orders providing guidance to address the health risks posed by COVID-19, including the impact on jury trials. As required, on May 1, 2022, this Court issued its *SECOND AMENDED COVID-19 JURY TRIAL Operating Plan*, which set forth a variety of requirements for conducting jury trials during times of COVID. However, on January 23, 2023, the Wyoming Supreme Court issued an *Order Terminating COVID-19 Temporary and Emergency Orders*, which among other things, eliminates the requirement that all jury trials be conducted according to an approved jury trial plan.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT effective February 1, 2023, this Court’s *SECOND AMENDED COVID-19 JURY TRIAL Operating Plan Ninth Judicial District Court Lander, Fremont County Wyoming* is **VACATED**.

DATED, January 27, 2023



Jason M. Conder,
District Court Judge



Kate G. McKay,
District Court Judge

IN THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WYOMING

October Term, A.D. 2022

In the Matter of the Termination of)
COVID-19 Related Orders)

ORDER TERMINATING COVID-19 TEMPORARY AND EMERGENCY ORDERS

This matter came before the Court upon its own motion following consultation with the District Court and Circuit Court conferences. On March 18, 2020, due to the nationwide pandemic, this Court entered its initial Order Adopting Temporary Plan to Address Health Risks Posed by the COVID-19 Pandemic. That order implemented measures to protect the health and safety of court employees, elected officials, and the public. Since then, in response to changing conditions and improving technology, this Court has entered thirteen orders extending the March 18, 2020, Order. The Court's most recent such order was entered July 7, 2022. That order stated this Court would "review this Order no later than February 1, 2023, to determine whether it should be extended or vacated as circumstances require."

Also, on March 26, 2020, this Court entered a COVID-19 Emergency Order Adopting Procedures for Remote Administration of Oaths and Witnesses, Verification of Guilty Pleas, and for Paper Filings. The Court later extended that Order in response to continuing demands. The Court's most recent such extension order was entered July 7, 2022. That order stated this Court would "review this Order no later than February 1, 2023, to determine whether it should be extended or vacated as circumstances require." Following the noted consultation, this Court finds it should terminate and vacate the COVID-19 orders noted above. It is, therefore,

ORDERED that, effective February 1, 2023, this Court's Order Adopting Temporary Plan to Address Health Risks Posed by the COVID-19 Pandemic and any orders extending that order, be, and hereby are, terminated, vacated, and of no further effect; and it is further

ORDERED that, effective February 1, 2023, this Court's COVID-19 Emergency Order Adopting Procedures for Remote Administration of Oaths and Witnesses, Verification of Guilty Pleas, and for Paper Filings and any orders extending that order, be, and hereby are, terminated, vacated, and of no further effect.

DATED this 23rd day of January, 2023.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

KATE M. FOX
Chief Justice