IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA IN THE SEPARATE JUVENILE COURT FOR LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

GENERAL ORDER RE WEARING FACE MASKS IN THE LANCASTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The District Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska, the Separate Juvenile Court for Lancaster County, Nebraska, and the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska continue to closely monitor national, state and local responses to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and follow guidance provided by national, state and local public health agencies and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The CDC and other public health authorities have advised people to take precautions to slow the spread of COVID-19, including recommending the use of face coverings or masks in public settings. Now on this 29th day of May 2020, each Court FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

Public access to the Courts is vital to the operation of the judiciary.

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Unless otherwise authorized by the Court, all persons seeking entry to or occupying the Lancaster County Courthouse (Courthouse) shall wear a face covering or mask, scarf, or other device completely covering and concealing their noses and mouths ("mask"), and such masks must be continuously worn by those persons during the time they are in the Courthouse; and

Elected officials and Department Heads may set the rules for their employees when not in areas open to the public; and

Any visitor seeking entry to the Courthouse without a mask will be provided a mask by the Lancaster County Sheriff, and if the Sheriff is unable to provide a mask for any reason, the Sheriff will suspend entry to the Courthouse until the visitor contacts the office to be visited to explore alternate accommodations with that office; and,

No one may enter or ride an elevator containing other persons, unless everyone is wearing a mask; and,

The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office is authorized to deny admission or remove any person from the Courthouse who is not in compliance with any of the terms of this Order.

Mon. Kevin R. McManaman, Presiding Lancaster County District Court

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Hon. Thomas E. Zimmerman, Presiding Judge, Lancaster County Court

Hon. Roger Heideman, Presiding Juvenile Court of Lancaster County