

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

)	<u>SUPPLEMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE</u>
)	<u>ORDER OF THE COUNTY JUDGES</u>
IN RE: NOVEL CORONAVIRUS)	FINDING GOOD CAUSE TO
AND COVID-19 DISEASE)	CONTINUE CASES UNDER
)	NEB. REV. STAT. § 29-1207(4)(f)
)	EFFECTIVE MAY 17, 2020

THIS MATTER comes on before the Court on its own motion.

WHEREAS, the federal, state, and local governments have all declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and have imposed social distancing restrictions (which, although not binding on the courts, the Court finds persuasive); and,

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all individuals in our courthouses is a high priority; and,

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2020, the Governor of the State of Nebraska and the Mayor of the City of Lincoln announced that the Directed Health Measure for Lancaster County (10 person rule) is extended through May 10, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, Lancaster County had 45 new cases of COVID-19 confirmed on May 5, 2020 bringing its total to 439, more than double its total of 202 on April 30, 2020, less than a week ago; and,

WHEREAS, the Court concludes that conducting criminal and traffic hearings prior to June 1, 2020 would jeopardize the health and safety of all individuals entering the courthouse; and,

WHEREAS, the Court previously issued that certain Administrative Order of the County Judges Finding Good Cause to Continue Cases Under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 29-1207(4)(f) dated March 18, 2020 (the "Administrative Order"), and the Court finds that said Order should be, and hereby is, supplemented and extended as further provided herein.

NOW THEREFORE, the Court finds, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 29-1207(4)(f), that good cause exists to extend the effective term of the Administrative Order and continue all criminal and traffic hearings currently scheduled before it through and including May 29, 2020 for an additional period of approximately sixty (60) days. In keeping with this Order, the period of time between a criminal defendant's currently scheduled court date and the date upon which said defendant's next court appearance is scheduled shall not count against the State of Nebraska in its duty to bring the defendant to trial within six months of the date of filing of the complaint.

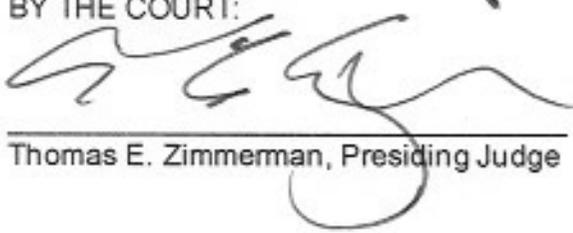
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that all hearings in criminal and traffic matters currently scheduled with the Court between the date of this Order and May 29, 2020 should be, and hereby are, continued for a period of approximately sixty (60) days. The Clerk of the Court is ordered to reschedule all such cases and notify the parties and/or their counsel of their new hearing date, time and location. In conjunction, with this Order, the period of time between a criminal

defendant's currently scheduled court date and the date upon which said defendant's next court appearance is scheduled shall not count against the State of Nebraska in its duty to bring the defendant to trial within six months of the date of filing of the complaint.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 6th day of May, 2020.

BY THE COURT:



Thomas E. Zimmerman, Presiding Judge

