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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

In the Matter of the Judiciary’s Response
to the COVID-19 Outbreak

ORDER

(By; Recktenwald, C.J.)

Upon consideration of the state of emergency proclaimed by Governor David Y. Ige on March 5, 2020, in accordance with Article VI, sections 6 and 7 of the Hawai‘i State Constitution and Hawai‘i Revised Statutes sections 601-1.5 and 601-2, and in furtherance of previous orders I have issued related to trial court proceedings, and upon the request of the family courts, which are not yet part of the Judiciary’s electronic filing system, to be able to receive documents for filing via email,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Effective the date of this order through April 30, 2020, documents in the family courts may be submitted for filing via email.

2. The family court of each circuit shall provide an email address for such filings.

3. Documents submitted via email shall be deemed the original documents for all purposes under the rules of court and shall be filed in the record of the case listed in the caption if there is an existing case.

4. Submitting a document via email does not alter deadlines. A document submitted via email shall be deemed filed for deadline purposes on the date of receipt.

5. The family court in each circuit shall establish the procedures necessary to implement this order in their respective courts.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, April 9, 2020.

/s/ Mark E. Recktenwald
Chief Justice

