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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

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In re August 2023 Hawai‘i Fire Disaster

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ORDER AUTHORIZING THE SUSPENSION, TOLLING, EXTENSION,  
OR GRANTING OF RELIEF FROM DEADLINES, TIME SCHEDULES, OR FILING  
REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY OTHERWISE APPLICABLE STATUTES, RULES,  
OR COURT ORDERS, IN THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I  
(By: Recktenwald, C.J.)

In August 2023, Governor Josh Green, M.D. proclaimed a state of emergency in Hawai‘i under Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (HRS) § 127A-14 based on the fires that have caused significant loss of life and property in Maui. By virtue of the Governor’s “sixth proclamation relating to wildfires,” dated August 19, 2023, the disaster emergency relief period was continued through October 17, 2023.

Due to the extensive damage on Maui, parties and attorneys have been displaced from their homes and places of work, and the expected time needed to recover from this disaster is uncertain.

Therefore, in order to assist persons adversely affected by the fire disaster, and pursuant to Article VI,

section 6 of the Hawai'i Constitution and Hawai'i Revised Statutes §§ 601-1.5 and 601-2(b)(6),

It is hereby ordered that, effective nunc pro tunc from August 8, 2023 and continuing through September 22, 2023, for those parties or attorneys in the courts of the State of Hawai'i who are directly impacted by this disaster, the presiding judge, sua sponte, or upon motion of a party, may suspend, toll, extend, or grant relief from deadlines, time schedules, or filing requirements imposed by applicable statutes, rules, or court orders. This order shall apply to all judicial circuits statewide and the courts of appeal.

This order may be modified or extended as necessary.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, August 25, 2023.

/s/ Mark E. Recktenwald

