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5 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

6 FOR THE COUNTY OF VENTURA

7 **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE:**
8 **IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY RELIEF**
9 **OF PENAL CODE §1382 EXTENSION**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 21.20**

The Ventura Superior Court is committed to protecting the health and safety of jurors, attorneys, staff, law enforcement, other court users, judges and the general public, while continuing to perform its constitutional and statutory duties. Over the past eighteen months the court has implemented protocols designed to protect the health and safety of all court users and personnel in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These protocols have resulted in substantial procedural impediments that have significantly affected the court's ability to conduct court proceedings. Therefore, based upon the authority granted under the September 21, 2021, Emergency Order of Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chair of the Judicial Council of California, and the court's inherent authority to consider the needs of the public and court as they relate to the efficient and effective management of the court's calendars, (*California Rules of Court*, rule 10.603(c)) this court **HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

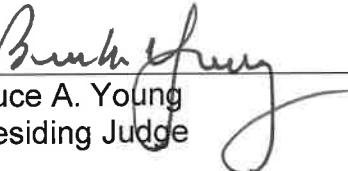
Any judge of the court may extend the time period for the holding of a criminal jury trial under *Penal Code §1382* by not more than 30 days, applicable only to cases in which the original or previously extended statutory deadline otherwise would expire between September 22, 2021, to October 21, 2021, inclusive. (Chief Justice's September 21, 2021, Order).

1 This relief is temporary and intended to address the current COVID-19 pandemic as it
2 poses a challenge to the holding of jury trials.

3 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT
4 THROUGH OCTOBER 21, 2021, UNLESS OTHERWISE AMENDED OR REVOKED.

5 IT IS SO ORDERED.
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8 DATED: September 21, 2021

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10 Bruce A. Young
11 Presiding Judge

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to health and safety concerns resulting in substantial operational impediments, and the proclamations of states of emergency by federal, state, and local officials, it was determined on seventeen prior occasions that the conditions described in Government Code section 68115 were met with regard to the Superior Court of California, County of Ventura (Court). Based on those determinations, and pursuant to the Court's requests, corresponding emergency orders issued authorizing the Court to implement certain relief under Government Code section 68115. Upon the renewed request of Presiding Judge Bruce A. Young, it now is determined that the conditions described in Government Code section 68115(a) continue to exist (Gov. Code, § 68115(c)), and it is ordered that the Court is authorized to do the following:

- Extend the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code (section 1382) for the holding of a criminal trial by not more than 30 days, applicable only to cases in which the original or previously extended statutory deadline otherwise would expire from September 22, 2021, to October 21, 2021, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(10)). *

Date: September 21, 2021

T. Cantil-Sakauye

Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye
Chief Justice of California and
Chair of the Judicial Council

* This authority supplements the authority to extend section 1382 deadlines previously granted in prior emergency orders. Accordingly, for any case in which the time to bring a defendant to trial previously was extended under one or more prior emergency order, and the extended deadline falls within the above-specified time period, this order authorizes the Court to extend the previously extended deadline by up to an additional 30 days. For any case in which the initial section 1382 deadline falls within the above-specified time period and is not governed by a prior emergency order, this order authorizes the Court to extend the time to bring a defendant to trial by a total of up to 30 days.