In the Matter of Certain Closures of Courts and Offices of the Oregon Judicial Department to Address Anticipated Reductions in Funding CHIEF JUSTICE ORDER No. 20-017

ORDER DIRECTING CERTAIN CLOSURES OF COURTS AND OFFICES OF THE OREGON JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT TO ADDRESS ANTICIPATED REDUCTIONS IN FUNDING

To address anticipated reductions in funding for the Oregon Judicial Department and to activate the extension of time limitations available under ORCP 10 A and ORS 174.120, I HEREBY ORDER the following pursuant to ORS 1.002 and ORS 1.060(3):

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- 1. All courts and offices (appellate courts, Tax Court, circuit courts, and Office of the State Court Administrator) of the Oregon Judicial Department are closed for public business on May 29, 2020, June 26, 2020, and July 17, 2020. These closures do not apply to oral argument before the Court of Appeals that is currently scheduled on those days.
- 2. All Supplementary Local Rules and Presiding Judge Orders that establish hours of operations or services in conflict with this order are superseded through July 17, 2020. The portions of those rules and orders that do not conflict with this order remain in effect.
- 3. This order does not limit the regular work hours, work days, or judicial activities of state court judges in state court positions on the closure days. This order does, however, limit judges on closure days to perform only work that does not require:
 - a. Public court proceedings;
 - b. The making of a record to which the public is entitled to be present; or
 - c. The presence of court staff, unless an exception applies under Oregon Judicial Department policy.
- 4. Each presiding judge or administrative authority must provide appropriate notice of this closure to the constituency of that court or office.
- 5. This order takes effect immediately.

Dated this _20th_ day of May, 2020.

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Martha L. Walters Chief Justice