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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY

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IN THE MATTER OF
THE RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PUBLIC
HEALTH EMERGENCY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO: **2020-08**
PROHIBITING RECORDING OR
POSTING REMOTE COURT
PROCEEDINGS

**This ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER is being issued in response to the current
pandemic outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, the Washington State General Rule 16 generally allows video recording by new media in the courtroom during and between sessions, it requires prior permission of the judge; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Superior Court has announced an expansion of case types it will conduct remotely to ensure the safety and well-being of court staff, counsel, and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with the State Constitutional requirements related to Open Courts, the Superior Courts have established the ability to conduct online remote hearings using Court-designated Zoom access channels; and

WHEREAS, the streamed video feed is not considered an official record of the proceedings;

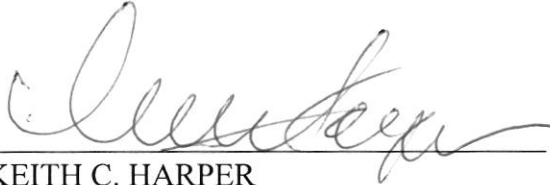
NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED, that the prohibition on recording proceedings of the Jefferson County Superior Court without prior judicial permission extends to recording the audio and video or remote proceedings, and

It is FURTHER ORDERED, that all lawyers, litigants, participants or observing members of the press or public are prohibited from taking photographs or recording video or audio during remote proceedings, except with written authorization by the Presiding Judge of the Jefferson County Superior Court or the judicial officer conducting the hearing; and

It is FURTHER ORDERED, that violation of this ORDER may subject the offender to removal, contempt of court, and other penalties as provided by law.

SO ORDERED

DATED November, 4 2020.



KEITH C. HARPER
Superior Court Judge