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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-09

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Division 1

EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE FOR THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT TO REMAIN OPEN

Effective March 24, 2020, the Court finds that Patrick Groom, Esq., as the Public Administrator for Colorado's Nineteenth Judicial District, and his duly appointed Deputy Public Administrator, Kent Naughton, and the employees of their office and any contract vendors who provide legal and administrative support to the Public Administrator's Office, perform essential services on behalf of vulnerable residents of Colorado's Nineteenth Judicial District, as contemplated by Executive Order D 2020 17 issued by Governor Polis on March 25, 2020, and Amended Public Health Order 20-24 Implementing Stay at Home Requirements issued by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) on March 25, 2020. Essential services performed by the Public Administrator's Office fall within the parameters of Section D of the CDPHE order, "Critical Governmental Functions," and more particularly the bullet point pertaining to a "government service required for the public health and safety, government functionality, or vital to restoring normal services."

The Public Administrator's Office may remain open to specifically address the essential functions of decedent estate administration, conservatorship administration for at-risk adults and minors, and to assist in the timely handling of remains of recently deceased residents of the Nineteenth Judicial District. These essential functions include, but are not limited to, securing real and tangible property; managing and liquidating assets to pay necessary expenses and creditors; the disposition of remains by cremation, burial or donation; and searching for family members of recently deceased citizens. All duties shall be carried out consistent with this Administrative Order 2020-09 and C.R.S. §15-12-619 through C.R.S. §15-12-623.

Date: March 26, 2020.

BY THE COURT

James F. Hartmann

Chief Judge, 19th Judicial District