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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
10 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 IN RE:  
12 CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC  
13 EMERGENCY  
14 CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF  
15 NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES  
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ORDER OF THE CHIEF JUDGE  
20-095

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18 WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a national emergency  
19 in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic;

20 WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California has declared a state of  
21 emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

22 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other public  
23 health authorities have advised the taking of precautions to slow the spread of COVID-  
24 19, including implementing physical distancing and reducing the size of in-person  
25 gatherings;

26 WHEREAS, the size of the Court’s naturalization ceremonies varies between 600  
27 to 5,000 applicants plus their guests; and

28 WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in order to protect public health

1 and safety, the Court has cancelled all naturalization ceremonies through the end of  
2 September 2020 and delegated authority to the United States Citizenship and  
3 Immigration Services (“USCIS”) to administer the oath of citizenship to applicants  
4 scheduled to be naturalized at those ceremonies, *see* General Order Nos. 20-09, 20-08;

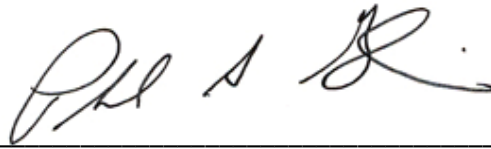
5 Therefore, because of the continued need to protect public health and safety due to  
6 the COVID-19 pandemic, the Court orders as follows:

7 1. Until further notice, the Court will not schedule or conduct any  
8 naturalization ceremonies.

9 2. During this temporary suspension of the Court’s naturalization ceremonies,  
10 the Court grants USCIS authority to perform administrative naturalization ceremonies.

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12 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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14 Date: September 14, 2020



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17 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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