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IN THE TRIBAL COURT AND THE CHILDREN'S COURT
OF THE SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON SIOUX COMMUNITY

SMSC RESERVATION

STATE OF MINNESOTA

**General Order No. 02-20
Regarding Videoconferences and Electronic Signatures
during COVID-19 Pandemic**


The Tribal Court and the Children's Court of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community issue this General Order to protect the public health by reducing the risk of exposure to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) and slow the spread of the disease. By General Order dated March 18, 2020 (General Order No. 01-20), the Court directed that all proceedings would be conducted by telephone conference until further notice. The Court hereby expands that order to clarify that hearings may be conducted by videoconference as well, at the discretion of the presiding judge.

The Court also required in its General Order No.01-20 that all filings be by email until further notice. While that General Order is in effect, filed documents must include either a scan of the individual's handwritten signature, an electronically inserted image intended to substitute for a signature, or a typographical signature, which shall have the same validity and effect as a handwritten signature. Each signatory block must include the typed name, address, telephone number, and designated e-mail address. A typographical signature shall be in the form "/s/ [name of signatory]" and shall be

considered the functional equivalent of an original, handwritten signature produced on paper.

Any party who files a document by e-mail that requires one or more signatures is certifying compliance with the signature requirements of this General Order for all signatures on the document, and the signatures on the document shall be considered the functional equivalent of original, handwritten signatures produced on paper.

Dated: April 3, 2020



John E. Jacobson, Chief Judge