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CHILDREN'S COURT OF THE SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON SIOUX (DAKOTA) COMMUNITY

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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

The Tribal Court and the Children's Court of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community remain open. But to protect the health and welfare of the persons who are participating in matters before the Courts and the Courts' staff, until further notice all filings shall be by email (*see* SMSC R. Civ. P. 4(c)), all proceedings will be conducted by telephone conference, and the Courts' Judges and clerks shall work remotely.¹ Furthermore, while this Order is in effect, parties may file declarations rather than notarized affidavits, so long as the declaration is dated and contains a concluding statement in substantially the following form: "I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community and the United States that the foregoing is true and correct."

If any party seeks an in-court proceeding during the time this Order remains in effect, they shall do so by motion showing good cause, and no request will be granted unless the Court is satisfied that protective protocols will be in place and will be adhered to by all participants.

Dated: March 18, 2020

John E. Jacobson, Chief Judge

 $^{^{\}scriptscriptstyle 1}$ The Clerk may still be reached at (952) 233-4246 .