

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MOHAVE

IN THE MATTER OF:

EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY  
AUTHORIZATION TO  
ACCEPT DEPENDENCY PETITIONS  
WITHOUT AN ORIGINAL SIGNATURE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
2020-25

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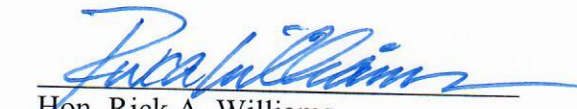
Administrative Order 2020-20 authorized the Clerk of the Superior Court in Mohave County to accept dependency petitions and case initiating documents in Juvenile Dependency cases filed by the Arizona Attorney General which have an electronic (/s/), scanned or faxed copy of an attorney's signature. AO 2020-20 expires "upon expiration of the Governor's declared State of Emergency with regard to the COVID-19 pandemic or on July 1, 2020, whichever occurs first."

The Governor recently enacted new restrictions on businesses and the general public due to the ongoing concern for the spread of COVID-19 in the general population. A statewide emergency still exists. The Attorney General's Office has imposed restrictions requiring Assistant Attorney Generals to work remotely to reduce the risk associated with this public health emergency. This restriction creates a hardship in obtaining original signatures on dependency petitions that are filed pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-821(H).

Under these circumstances an extension of AO 2020-20 is necessary and appropriate. Therefore,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the expiration date of Administrative Order 2020-20 is extended to October 1, 2020 or upon expiration of the Governor's declared State of Emergency with regard to COVID-19, whichever occurs first.

DATED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020.

  
Hon. Rick A. Williams  
Presiding Juvenile Judge  
Mohave County Superior Court

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