

1 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
2 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCED  
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4 GENERAL ORDER RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY RELIEF  
5 AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 68115 BY  
6 CHAIR OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL

7 #2020-15

8 On July 29, 2020, the Chief Justice of California and Chair of the Judicial  
9 Council determined that the conditions described in Government Code section  
10 68115(a) continue to exist in the County of Merced pursuant to Government code  
11 68115(b) and that the Merced Superior Court is authorized to do the following:

12 Hold sessions anywhere in the county, including in correctional and juvenile  
13 detention facilities from August 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, inclusive  
14 (Gov. Code § 68115(a)(1)); and  
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16 Extend the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code for the  
17 holding of a criminal trial by not more than an additional 30 days,  
18 application only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would  
19 expire from August 1, 2020 to September 15, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code §  
20 68115(a)(10); Executive Order N-38-20 (03-27-20)). This authority  
21 supplements the authority to extend section 1382 deadlines previously  
22 granted in the March 23, March 30, and April 29, 2020 statewide emergency  
23 orders and in the May 19, and June 11, 2020 emergency orders specific to  
24 the Court. Accordingly, for any cases in which the time to bring a defendant  
25 to trial previously was extended under one or more of those prior emergency  
26 orders, and the extended deadlines falls within the above-specified time  
27 period, this order authorizes the Court to extend the previously extended  
28 deadline by an additional 30 days.

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2 Accordingly, the Presiding Judge of the Merced Superior Court authorizes  
3 the judicial officers of the Merced superior Court to:

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21 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

22 Dated: July 29, 2020

23 *Donald J. Proietti*

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Hon. Donald J. Proietti, Presiding Judge