D 1 2 2017 JUN 30 P 2: 45 3 4 5 6 EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 7 8 IN THE MATTER OF Civil Commitments Administrative Order: 17-06

WHEREAS, Rule 1.30 of the Rules of Practice for the Eighth Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada ("EDCR") charges the Chief Judge of the Eighth Judicial District Court with various responsibilities, such as supervising the administrative business of the Court, ensuring the quality and continuity of its services, supervising its calendar, reassigning cases as convenience or necessity requires, assuring the court's duties are timely

WHEREAS, EDCR 1.60 gives the Chief Judge authority to assign or reassign all cases pending in the district; and,

and orderly performed, and otherwise facilitating the business of the Court; and,

WHEREAS, an Administrative Order was executed in 1998 by then Presiding Family Division District Court Judge Gloria Sanchez assigning Judge William Voy to oversee the civil commitment docket; and,

WHEREAS, access to justice is essential for our citizens and the entire Clark County community; and,

WHEREAS, the Nevada Supreme Court created a permanent Access to Justice Commission in June of 2006 to promote equal civil justice; and,

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WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the leadership of the Eighth Judicial District Court to advocate and promote the advancement of access to justice through timely resolution and efficient case management as well as pursue adequate resources to achieve this end; and,

WHEREAS, in 2006, the Eighth Judicial District Court advanced the notion to the state legislature that proper access to justice requires an adequate ratio of the number of judicial departments/officers to new case filings per year; and,

WHEREAS, this ratio, in turn, would allow the court to meet case resolution standards as set forth by the American Bar Association; and,

WHEREAS, with all cases combined that year, the judges averaged 2,782 new filings per judge which resulted in a request to add ten additional judges, six of which would be dedicated to the family court; and,

WHEREAS, the 2007 Nevada Legislature approved six additional judges, five of which were dedicated to the family court; and,

WHEREAS, the Eighth Judicial District Court reported 2,422 new case filings per judge in 2009 and therefore continued its access to justice efforts by requesting an additional nine judicial departments, seven civil and two family court; and,

WHEREAS, the 2009 Nevada Legislature approved all nine departments and by 2011 the Eighth Judicial District Court reported 2,042 new case filings per judge; and,

WHEREAS, the Eighth Judicial District Court believed that this new case filing ratio to judge, in addition to the utilization of hearing masters, was a sufficient number to achieve timely access to justice; and,

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2010, then Chief Judge Arthur Ritchie assigned an additional family court judge from civil domestic to hear juvenile dependency matters and on March 21, 2013, then Chief Judge Jennifer Togliatti assigned an additional family court judge from civil domestic to hear juvenile dependency matters; and,

**WHEREAS**, on May 21, 2015, then Chief Judge Dave Barker assigned an additional family court judge from civil domestic to hear adult guardianship matters; and,

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2016, then Chief Judge Dave Barker assigned two civil domestic family court judges to each hear one half of the active minor guardianship cases and one-third of the future cases; and,

WHEREAS, all of these case reassignments have reapportioned family court judicial resources from civil domestic cases into case types previously heard by hearing masters; and,

WHEREAS, in turn, the family court hearing masters have been assigned to their respective caseloads in juvenile dependency, delinquency, child support, and TPO; and,

WHEREAS, it is critical that they remain in their current caseloads in order to continue current timeliness, efficiencies, and experience necessary to properly run the family and juvenile court; and,

WHEREAS, one hearing master continues to hear a portion of the civil commitment cases and should be dedicated to a different caseload as directed by the Presiding Judge of the Family Division; and,

WHEREAS, changes made by the 2017 Nevada Legislature to the civil commitment laws and operational improvements recommended by the Eighth Judicial District Court will require additional judicial resources that cannot be borne by the Family Division.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to EDCR 1.30(b) and EDCR 1.44, that effective July 1, 2017, all existing and future civil commitment cases shall be transferred to Chief Judge of the Eighth Judicial District Court.

Entered this 30 day of the , 2017

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Elizabeth Gonzalez, Chief Judge Eighth Judicial District Court