

1 Fourth Judicial District
Missoula County Courthouse
2 200 West Broadway
Missoula, MT 59802

3 And

4 Missoula County Justice Court
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8 MONTANA FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MISSOULA COUNTY
and
9 MISSOULA COUNTY JUSTICE COURT

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11 IN THE MATTER OF WEAPONS IN
THE COURTHOUSE

STANDING ORDER

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14 WHEREAS, House Bill 102 of the 67th Montana Legislature was duly passed
15 by the Legislature and approved (signed into law) by the Governor on February 18,
16 2021. As it applies to relevant sections of HB 102, the bill has an immediate
17 effective date “upon passage and approval”;

18 WHEREAS, Section 4 of HB 102 provides as follows:

19 A person with a current and valid permit issued pursuant to 45-
20 8-321 or recognized pursuant to 45-8-329 may not be
21 prohibited or restricted from exercising that permit anywhere in
the state, except:

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(7) within a courtroom or an area of a courthouse in use by
23 court personnel pursuant to an order of a justice of the peace or
24 judge;

25 WHEREAS, Missoula County Courthouse is configured in such a manner that
26 judicial officers are required to walk from secured chambers to courtrooms through

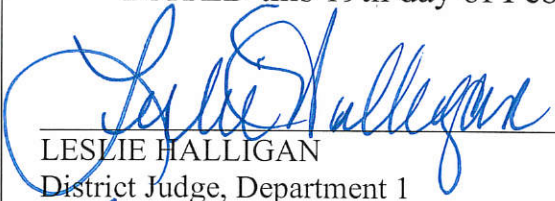
1 open and unsecured areas of the Courthouse, or are required to walk from secured
2 chambers to clerk offices through open and unsecured areas of the Courthouse;

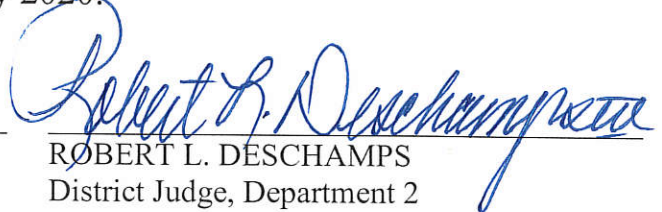
3 WHEREAS, judicial officers routinely handle domestic and criminal matters
4 that involve high levels of emotion and angst, which may subject the judicial
5 officers to reprisal or attack while walking through open and unsecured areas of the
6 Courthouse;


7 WHEREAS, court personnel may also be subject to reprisal or attack while
8 walking through open and unsecured areas of the Courthouse.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all persons are
10 prohibited from possessing or carrying firearms or other weapons in the Missoula
11 County Courthouse, except law enforcement or judicial personnel with a current and
12 valid permit. This prohibition specifically extends to persons with a valid permit
13 issued pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. §45-8-321 or recognized pursuant to Mont.
14 Code Ann. §45-8-329.


15 DATED this 19th day of February 2020.

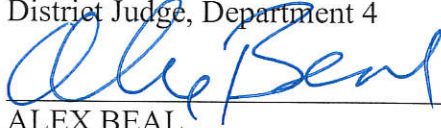
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18 LESLIE HALLIGAN
District Judge, Department 1

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18 ROBERT L. DESCHAMPS
District Judge, Department 2

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21 JOHN LARSON
District Judge, Department 3

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21 JASON MARKS
District Judge, Department 4

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24 SHANE A. VANNATTA
District Judge, Department 5

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24 ALEX BEAL
Justice of the Peace, Department 1

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LANDEE HOLLOWAY
Justice of the Peace, Department 2