# SKAGIT COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENTERPRISE JUSTICE CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM | ) ) ) ) ) ) | EMERGENCY ORDER<br><br>No. 26-02 |

WHEREAS, an emergency order is necessary due to implementation of the Enterprise Justice (EJ) case management system. The courts of limited jurisdiction in Washington State have been using the same statewide legacy case management system since 1987. Our court was very proficient in the use of the legacy system. However, the legacy system infrastructure is based upon outdated technology and the Administrative Office of the Courts programmers and system administrators proficient in that system have either retired or are nearing retirement. Therefore, it was necessary for the state to implement a more modern case management system. With the implementation of the new system, the courts of limited jurisdiction are experiencing longer than normal processing times for entry of case information. As a result, our court staff is not able to process cases within their normal work schedule,

WHEREAS, due to being required to work long hours and weekends, the stress of implementing the new system has created a hazardous or emergency condition that has had an impact on the mental and physical welfare of court staff, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to GR 21, this court has authority to close due to hazardous or emergency conditions,

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the Court's authority under GR 21,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The Skagit County District Court shall be closed to the public on November 13, 2026, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, so that court staff may process the backlog of case information to be entered into the Enterprise Justice case management system during normal working hours.

DATED this 6 day of Nov. 2026.

For the Court



PAUL NIELSEN
PRESIDING JUDGE