UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

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IN RE: SUSPENSION OF JURY)	
TRIALS AND NATURALIZATION)	G.O. 20-13
CEREMONIES)	

CARMELITA REEDER SHINN, CLERK
U.S. DIST. COURT, WESTERN DIST. OKLA.
BY______, DEPUTY

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ORDER

In light of current efforts to slow the transmission of the coronavirus known as COVID-19 and to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 by new citizens and their families, jurors, Court staff, witnesses, and counsel, it is hereby ORDERED:

- 1. Naturalization ceremonies on May 29, 2020 and June 26, 2020 are cancelled.
- 2. Civil and criminal jury trials on the June 2020 docket are continued, to be reset by the presiding judge. The presiding judge will also address trial-related deadlines. With respect to criminal cases in particular, the Court finds:
 - a. As of today's date, the Oklahoma State Department of Health has identified 4,201 positive cases of COVID-19 and 253 deaths related to the disease. The majority of the positive cases are in the Western District of Oklahoma;
 - b. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended against gatherings of more than 10 people, and jury qualification necessitates summoning more than 200 people who will be in close quarters during qualification and selection;

c. The Governor of the State of Oklahoma has issued an Executive Order directing that persons over the age of 65 or with underlying health conditions stay home, which will impact the Court's ability to obtain a fair

cross-section of the public for jury service; and

d. The Governor's Executive Order may also affect the availability

of counsel, witnesses, and court staff.

e. Therefore, the period of delay resulting from continuances

implemented as a result of this Order will be excluded under the

Speedy Trial Act, as the Court specifically finds that the ends of

justice served by ordering continuances outweigh the best interests

of the public and each defendant to a speedy trial. See 18 U.S.C. §

3161(h)(7)(A).

ENTERED FOR THE COURT this 6th day of May, 2020.

TIMOTHY D. DeGIUSTI

Chief United States District Judge