



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM

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WHEREAS, an earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 8.7 occurred off the east coast of Kamchatka, Russia at 9:25 am CHST on Wednesday July 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service, Pacific Tsunami Warning Center, has issued a Tsunami Advisory; stating that based on all available data there is a threat to Guam of sea level fluctuations and strong ocean currents that could be a hazard along beaches, in harbors, and in coastal waters; and

WHEREAS, the earliest estimated time that hazardous sea level fluctuations and strong ocean currents may begin in Guam is 2:37 pm CHST on Wednesday July 30, 2025, and can persist for many hours or longer; and

WHEREAS, recommended actions include persons in the ocean should get out of the water and persons near the ocean should move away from beaches and harbors; and

WHEREAS, under a Tsunami Advisory a tsunami with potential for strong currents or waves dangerous to those in or very near the water is expected or occurring; there may be flooding of beach and harbor areas; and people are instructed to stay out of the water and away from beaches and waterways; and

WHEREAS, the Offices of Homeland Security and Civil Defense have issued the following instructions: “Remain out of the water. The community is advised to move away from beaches and harbors, at least 100 feet inland, and 50 feet up.”; and

WHEREAS, it is prudent to close the Judicial Branch for public services, with the exception of essential services, and to remain closed until further notice:

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, I do **ORDER** that, because a Tsunami Advisory is in effect, the Judicial Branch of the Government of Guam shall be closed for business immediately until further notice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all hearings, jury trials, jury selections, and grand jury proceedings scheduled for Wednesday, July 30, 2025, and any day after this date until the Judicial Branch is ordered re-opened, be rescheduled. Magistrate hearings will be held at the earliest practicable opportunity following the reopening of the court. Check-ins, drug testing, and appointments with the Probation Services Division shall be rescheduled. Individuals under pretrial or probation supervision, including juveniles, should await further instructions from their probation officers and continue to comply with all other requirements. If a court filing is due while the court is closed, then the time for filing is extended until the end of the first accessible day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. *See* Guam R. Civ. P. 6(a); Guam R. App. P. 11(a)(3); 8 GCA § 1.25.

SO ORDERED this 30th day of July, 2025.

/s/
ROBERT J. TORRES
Chief Justice