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*In the Matter of a Flood Emergency in Ward County, North Dakota*

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

**PETITION FOR EMERGENCY EXTENSION OF DEADLINES, STATUTES OF  
LIMITATION, AND SUSPENSION OF COMPLIANCE WITH ADMINISTRATIVE  
ORDER 16**

Due to flood conditions in the Souris River Basin that are affecting numerous communities located in Ward County, North Dakota, and due to the resulting uncertainty and hardship experienced by litigants and local attorneys (including the attorneys' support staff), an emergency exists requiring the immediate adoption of an administrative order, pursuant to Section 6.1 of the *Rule on Procedural Rules, Administrative Rules and Administrative Orders of the North Dakota Supreme Court*, to extend scheduled deadlines and applicable statutes of limitation and to suspend compliance with Administrative Order 16.

Petitioner William W. McLees, Presiding Judge of the Northwest Judicial District, upon consultation with Ward County District Court Judges Douglas L. Mattson, Gary H. Lee, Richard L. Hagar, and Todd L. Cresap and Referee Connie S. Portscher, HEREBY PETITIONS the Supreme Court of North Dakota for an Administrative Order extending the deadlines that would otherwise apply during the period from July 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011, and staying statutes of limitation that would otherwise bar a claim during the period from July 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011. Petitioner refers the Court to Administrative Order 8(B)(C)(D) & (F), adopted on an emergency basis on March 23, 1997, in Grand Forks County, North Dakota.

Petitioner further requests that compliance with Administrative Order 16, Electronic filing in the District Courts, be suspended in Ward County cases during the period from July 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011.

Dated in Minot, North Dakota, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2011.

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William W. McLees, Petitioner  
Presiding Judge  
Northwest Judicial District