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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 3/19/2020

The Gogebic and Ontonagon County courts today announced an Order Limiting Activities/Assemblages in Court Facilities. <See attached> All in-person court activity will be limited to essential functions. All other functions will be by remote technology. The Michigan Supreme Court issued Administrative Order 2020-2, which highlights in specific detail essential functions.

“Courts statewide are taking this step in unison so that we send a clear message to the public that we are taking every possible step to stop the virus while continuing to provide essential services,” said CHIEF JUDGE MICHAEL K. POPE. “Our team is adjusting as quickly as possible to the crisis, and we appreciate the support of the public as we work to keep everyone safe.”

Visit the Gogebic County webpage at www.gogebiccountymi.gov for additional information.

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32nd CIRCUIT COURT—GOGEBIC and ONTONAGON COUNTIES
98th JUDICIAL DISTRICT—GOGEBIC and ONTONAGON COUNTIES
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ONTONAGON COUNTY PROBATE

ORDER LIMITING ACTIVITIES/ASSEMBLAGES IN COURT FACILITIES

Effective Thursday, March 19, 2020, all Gogebic and Ontonagon County courts shall limit all in-person court activity to **only** essential functions as defined by Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 2020-2, which include matters involving in-custody persons, limited personal protection order proceedings, and other emergency matters. All other functions will be by two-way interactive video technology or other remote participation tools, when possible. Access to courtrooms and other spaces shall be limited to no more than 10 persons, including staff. All persons and staff must practice social distancing. This order shall remain in effect until the close of business Friday, April 3, 2020, or as provided by subsequent order.

Questions, requests for adjournments or other accommodations may be made by contacting:

98th District Court – Gogebic at 906-663-4611
98th District Court – Ontonagon 906-884-2865
32nd Circuit Court – Gogebic at 906-663-4211
32nd Circuit Court – Ontonagon at 906-884-4117
Gogebic County Probate Court at 906-663-0421
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Gogebic County Juvenile Court 906-663-4147

March 19, 2020
Date

Michael K. Pope
Hon. Michael K. Pope, Chief Judge