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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE  
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

*In the matter of*  
**PLAN OF OPERATION IN ABSENCE OF  
APPROPRIATION**

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 13-0006**

The Court adopts the following plan for operating in the absence of an appropriation or continuing resolution. Essential judicial branch activities will continue. The activities set forth in this plan, and the employees who perform them, are essential.

Essential work includes:

- (1) Activities necessary to support the exercise of the Article III judicial power, i.e., the resolution of cases in which there is a constitutional or statutory grant of jurisdiction;
- (2) Emergency activities necessary for the safety of human life and the protection of property; and
- (3) Activities otherwise authorized by law, either expressly or by necessary implication, including:
  - (a) Items guaranteed by the Constitution;
  - (b) Activities funded with no-year appropriations (e.g., information technology resources, jury system, federal defender program);
  - (c) Entitlement programs (e.g., Judicial Survivors Annuities System, which is partly funded by judges' salaries); and
  - (d) Minimal activities needed for an orderly shutdown of other official functions.

The Court will continue to hear and decide cases; timely process all filings, motions, orders, emergency applications and other litigation documents; collect and deposit fees and costs in the

1 Treasury; accept and process new civil and criminal cases; continue regular administration of the jury  
2 system; and issue and enforce judgments. Judges will continue to work full-time. The judge's  
3 chambers staff, i.e. law clerks and judicial assistant, are essential to the resolution of cases.  
4 Probation and pretrial services officers, and administrative staff who make their work possible, will  
5 continue to supervise pre-trial releasees, probationers and those on supervised release. T h e  
6 Clerk's office supports the essential functions of the Court and already operates with limited personnel  
7 who individually perform multiple job functions while ensuring that proper internal controls and separation  
8 of duty requirements are met. Accordingly, all clerk's office employees are essential. Essential  
9 employees must report to their assigned duty stations during their normal work hours. Travel that  
10 is not necessary for case resolution will not be undertaken, unless approved by the Chief Judge.  
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12 The General Services Administration, the Federal Protective Service and the United States  
13 Marshals Service are requested to maintain all functions necessary for the continued safe use of all  
14 United States District Court facilities in the District for the Northern Mariana Islands.

15 This order shall remain in effect throughout the current fiscal year.

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17 SO ORDERED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

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RAMONA V. MANGLONA, Chief Judge  
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