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TRIBAL COURT

1 IN THE TRIBAL COURT OF THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE
2 GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON

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4 ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 24-002

5 POLICY REGARDING AUTHORITY IN THE ABSENCE OF
6 COURT ADMINISTRATOR

7 The purpose of this administrative order is to address authority in the
8 absence of the Court Administrator.

9 WHEREAS, Article IV of the Grand Ronde Constitution vests authority to
10 the Chief Judge to exercise all judicial authority of the Tribe, to include
11 the power to review and overturn tribal legislative and executive actions.

12 WHEREAS, Tribal Court Ordinance Chapter 302 provides for the
13 administration of law and justice by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
14 through the establishment of a Tribal Court system as required by Article IV
15 of the Grand Ronde Constitution.

16 WHEREAS, Tribal Court Ordinance Chapter 302 empowers the court to
17 exercise the judicial authority of the Tribe as delegated herein.

18 WHEREAS, the Court recognizes the need to designate authority to ensure
19 a smooth and efficient operation of the Court in the absence of the Court
20 Administrator.

21 The Tribal Court Ordinance Chapter 302, adopted on April 12, 1989 and last
22 amended on October 23, 2013 sets out in section (f), Administration of the
23 Court. The administrative function of the Tribal Court shall be performed by
24 the Court Administrator or designee. The Court Administrator shall be
25 responsible for the management of the office and supervision of the court
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1 employees. The Court Administrator shall be under the supervision of the
2 Chief Judge.

3 **THEREFORE**, it is the order of this Court that the Judicial Operations
4 Supervisor shall assume the responsibilities of the Court Administrator in
5 the Court Administrator's absence.

6 **THEREFORE**, Administrative Order 20-002 is hereby vacated.

7 This order shall remain in effect until further notice or until superseded
8 by future order.

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10 DATED THIS 6th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024.

11 *Patrick S. Melendy*
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13 Chief Judge
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