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TRIBAL COURT

IN THE TRIBAL COURT OF THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE

GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 25-001

POLICY REGARDING REMOTE APPEARANCE REQUESTS  
CONTRAVENING IN-PERSON APPEARANCE ORDERS

The purpose of this administrative order is to establish a policy for accommodation requests for remote appearances in matters where a court order explicitly mandates all parties to appear in-person.

This policy aims to balance the court's need for efficient case management, for adherence to prior orders, and for a clear process if a party requests an accommodation to appear remote in a hearing by video conference or telephone due to unforeseeable circumstances.

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

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

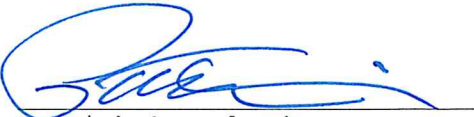
**WHEREAS**, Tribal Court Ordinance Chapter 302 empowers the court to exercise the judicial authority of the Tribe as delegated herein.

**THEREFORE**, if a circumstance arises where a party is requesting an accommodation for remote appearance, they must email court staff prior to the hearing at [court@grandronde.org](mailto:court@grandronde.org) to request an accommodation from the Chief

1 Judge. Court staff will forward the email to the Chief Judge for review and  
2 consideration. The Chief Judge retains judicial discretion for the allowance  
3 of a party to appear remotely based on an unforeseeable circumstance or other  
4 hardship.

5 This order shall remain in effect until further notice or until superseded  
6 by future order.

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8 DATED THIS 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2025.

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