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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF  
THE STATE OF IDAHO**

**In Re: Emergency Closure of the )  
Owyhee County Courthouse and ) Administrative Order 2017 – 1  
Office of the District Court Clerk )  
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**WHEREAS**, I.C.A.R. 48(a) provides: “In the event of an emergency or threatened emergency, the Administrative Director of the Courts or his or her designee, or where practicable, after consultation with the Administrative Director of the Courts or his or her designee, the administrative judge, or his or her designee if the administrative judge is unavailable, may order the closure of a district court and related offices, including the district court clerk’s office, until the safe operations of the court and its offices can be restored;” and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to I.C.A.R. 48(b), “ ‘Emergency or threatened emergency’ includes, but is not limited to, any occurrence or threatened occurrence, whether natural, man-made, or technological, that causes or threatens to cause:

- (1) the destruction of court facilities, including the offices of the district court clerk, or substantial damage to such facilities;
- (2) an interruption in the performance of court operations; or
- (3) harm to the safety or health of court personnel, including personnel of the district court clerk’s office, or other persons using court facilities;” and

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned has determined that severe winter weather conditions in Owyhee County threaten an interruption in the performance of court operations and harm to the health and safety of court personnel and other persons scheduled to use court facilities in Owyhee County on January 9, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, it was not practicable to consult with the Administrative Director of the Courts prior to making this determination and the undersigned promptly notified the Supreme Court of the emergency closure pursuant to I.C.A.R. 48(a).

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Owyhee County district and magistrate courts, and related offices, including the Owyhee district court clerk’s office, are closed on January 9, 2017 and until such time as safe operation of the court and offices can be restored. In the event

weather and road conditions improve sufficiently to permit such safe operation, the courthouse will reopen for normal business hours and operations on January 10, 2017.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.



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Bradly S. Ford  
Administrative District Judge

Cc: Sara Thomas, Administrative Director of the Courts  
Angela Barkell, Owyhee County Clerk