

IN THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COURT
ON THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN RESERVATION

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022-01

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER TO RESUME JURY TRIALS

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus has created a public health emergency requiring the modification of Southern Ute Tribal Court operations. The Tribal Court suspended jury trials until the impact and risks associated with COVID-19 were reduced to a level such that jury trials could be safely conducted.

WHEREAS, the Southern Ute Tribe has determined it safe enough to no longer impose limitations on workplace gatherings and the Southern Ute Tribe has rescinded previous orders limiting the Tribe's in-person operations.

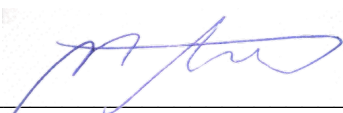
WHEREAS, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Tribal Court may still require reasonable safety measures such as face-coverings and health screening.

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge of the Southern Ute Tribal Court possesses the inherent authority to establish Tribal Court standards and procedures by administrative order.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Effective March 14, 2022, and continuing until further notice and order of the Tribal Court, the Southern Ute Tribal Court shall begin to convene and host jury trials. The Southern Ute Tribal Court shall also resume all normal Tribal Court operations in-person. Remote technology may be used when appropriate and when it is in the interest of justice and economy to do so. All previous "Modified Operations of the Court" shall no longer apply, except that the Tribal Court may conduct health screening and may require face coverings, as conditions warrant.

DONE AND SIGNED THIS 4th DAY OF March, 2022.



M. SCOTT MOORE
CHIEF JUDGE, SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COURT