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**OFFICE OF
APPELLATE COURTS**

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

ADM10-8049

**ORDER AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF PILOT PROJECT
IN CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS**

In an order filed on January 8, 2020, the court authorized the Fourth Judicial District to conduct a pilot project to test the feasibility and impact of allowing certain audio and video evidence into the jury room. The Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Rules of Criminal Procedure, which provides the procedures for and monitors the pilot, was directed to file a report on the status of the project by July 31, 2021, with recommendations on the continuation, expansion, or discontinuance of the pilot project. The deadline for filing the report was extended to July 31, 2022, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the number of in-person trials being conducted in the district court.

In preparing the report for filing, the committee discovered new data and now seeks additional time to consider and incorporate the new information into the report. Therefore another extension is required.

Based on all the files, records, and proceedings herein,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the date by which the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Rules of Criminal Procedure shall file a status report on the pilot project to test the feasibility and impact of allowing certain audio and video evidence in the jury room is extended to November 1, 2022. The committee shall file its report with the court,

providing specific recommendations on the continuation, expansion, or discontinuance of the pilot project.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that other than the extension of the due date for the committee's report to the court, the provisions of the order of January 8, 2020 governing the pilot project remain in effect and continue to apply.

Dated: July 20, 2022

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lorie S. Gildea". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Lorie S. Gildea
Chief Justice