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## A S S O C I A T I O N

March 7, 2017

Michael Johnson, Senior Legal Counsel State Court Administration 125H Minnesota Judicial Center 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Saint Paul, MN 55155

> Re: Petition of Minnesota Tribal Court/State Court Forum to Amend Rule 10 - Written Comments Only; No Oral Presentation Requested

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Minnesota County Attorneys Association and the Minnesota County Attorneys Association Indian Law Committee have reviewed the Petition and the attachments to the Petition with respect to the proposed amendments to Rule 10 of the General Rules of Practice. We appreciate the opportunity to submit comments. Neither the Minnesota County Attorneys Association nor the Minnesota County Attorneys Association Indian Law Committee takes a position in opposition to the proposed amendments. However, we would take the opportunity to make two observations; (1) that it would be mutually beneficial to tribal and state courts to have reciprocal recognition of each court's respective orders; and (2) it would be very beneficial if tribal orders would be permitted to be entered into the State Courts' record system so that they are timely available to law enforcement and prosecutors.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Small Executive Director