

ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
FREMONT, CHAFFEE, PARK, and CUSTER COUNTIES,  
COLORADO

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CHIEF JUDGE ORDER 20-09  
APRIL 24, 2020

**CHIEF JUDGE DIRECTIVE 20-09  
EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE FOR  
THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT TO AUTHORIZE CREMATION WHEN NO  
OTHER AUTHORIZED PERSON IS FOUND**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, effective April 24, 2020, the Court finds good cause for exempting the public administrator from the requirements of C.R.S. 15-19-106(4)(b)(1) and ORDERS:

The Public Administrator may authorize immediate cremation of a body where COVID-19 was present in decedent within 48 hours of such person's death when the public administrator has 1) made efforts to locate immediately family members or other persons authorized under C.R.S. 15-19-106(1) to control disposition of last remains and 2) has good cause to believe that there are no immediate family or other authorized persons available to authorize the cremation of remains.

This Directive remains in effect until rescinded by the Chief Judge.

Done in Salida, Colorado on April 24, 2020

*/s/ Patrick W. Murphy*  
Patrick W. Murphy  
Chief Judge, 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District