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GENERAL DIVISION
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
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TEMPORARY ORDER IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The judges of the Lorain County Court of Common Pleas General Division note the following developments:

1. On March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued Executive Order 2020-01D which declared a "state of emergency" in response to the COVID-19 public health crisis.
2. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 to be a global "pandemic" requiring "urgent and aggressive action" to control the spread of the COVID-19 virus.
3. On March 12, 2020, Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton, M.D., MPH signed an order to prohibit mass gatherings in the state of Ohio.

As a result of these developments, the Court of Commons Pleas General Division has developed flexible responses as the public health crisis continues to escalate. Any such response is intended to protect public health, maintain essential court functions, and continue to protect the rights of all individuals subject to the authority of the court.

THUS, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The Court of Common Pleas General Division Local Rules may be temporarily adapted to allow the court flexibility, within constitutional limits, in response to the public health emergency.
2. The General Division security policies may be temporarily amended and/or supplemented to protect public health while maintaining essential court functions.





3. The General Division Employee Handbook may be temporarily adjusted to maintain essential court operations and functions.
4. The General Division authorizes the use of any audiovisual devices and other technologies for all actions and proceedings.
5. The public health emergency may be considered to be a finding of good cause for continuances of any proceeding if deemed necessary by the assigned judge.
6. The court will have the lawful authority, within constitutional limits, to do and direct to be done all things necessary to ensure the orderly and efficient administration of justice for the duration of the public health emergency.



JUDGE RAYMOND J. EWERS
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE



JUDGE MARK BETLESKI



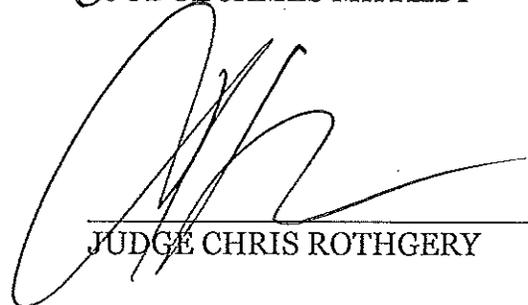
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