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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

GENERAL DIVISION

BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

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| In Re: ORDER EXTENDING THE | : | |
| JUDICIAL EMERGENCY | : | JOURNAL ENTRY & |
| AND CONTINUITY OF | : | ADMINISTRATIVE |
| OPERATIONS OF THE COURT | : | ORDER |
| BASED UPON COVID-19 PANDEMIC | : | |

The Judges of Butler County Court of Common Pleas, General Division, make the following findings of fact:

1. The findings of fact enumerated in the March 19, 2020, Order Declaring a Judicial Emergency and Continuity of Operations of the Court Based Upon COVID-19 Pandemic remain in full effect and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. On March 27, 2020, The Supreme Court of Ohio Issued "In Re: Tolling of Time Requirements Imposed by Rules Promulgated by the Supreme Court and Use of Technology".
3. On April 2, 2020, Dr. Amy Acton, in her capacity as the Director of Ohio Public Health, issued an *Amended* Director's Stay at Home Order. This Order extended the previous stay at home order until 11:59 p.m. on May 1, 2020.
4. On April 16, 2020, Governor DeWine announced his plan for a phased re-opening of the state economy. On April 27, 2020, Lt. Governor Husted unveiled plans for Responsible Restart Ohio.

5. On April 27, 2020, The Supreme Court of Ohio, in Case No. 2020-0547, issued an Entry which enumerated general health and social distancing protocols that would need to be followed before a jury trial should commence.

6. As the COVID-19 virus continues to spread and impact Court operations, the health and safety of all Court employees and the community remains at risk.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1) The period of reduced dockets, motions, proceedings, and the suspension of jury trials, which began under the March 19, 2020 Journal Entry & Administrative Order, shall be extended to May 31, 2020 at midnight.

2) The Court remains "Open with Restrictions" pursuant to the March 19, 2020 Administrative Order.

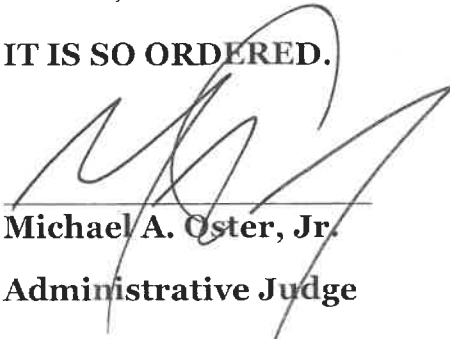
3) The March 27, 2020, Tolling of Time Requirements order issued by The Supreme Court of Ohio indicates the time requirement imposed by the rules of the Court and set to expire during the term of the order shall be tolled.

4) All Sheriffs sales are suspended until May 31, 2020. All private selling officer sales are suspended as well. All orders of sale shall be returned without execution.

5) Further, the Court herein expressly reserves the right and full authority to further extend the time suspensions set forth herein, for a greater period of time, to include the duration of the public health crisis and public emergency.

6) This "Temporary Order" is ordered to be served on the Supreme Court of Ohio, Ohio Judicial Conference, Municipal Courts in Butler County, Area Courts in Butler County, Butler County Clerk of Courts, Butler County Adult Probation Department, Butler County Bar Association, Butler County Prosecutor's Office, Butler County Public Defender's Office, Butler County Sheriff, Butler County Board of Health, Butler County Commissioners, the website of this Court, and distributed to the media.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Michael A. Oster, Jr.

Administrative Judge