

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF LOUDOUN

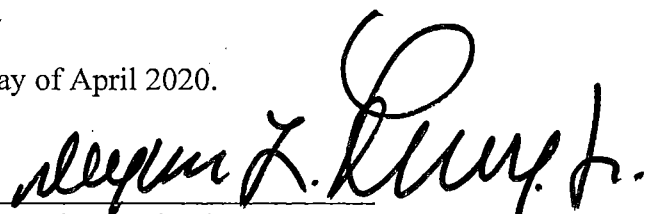
In re: CLOSING OF CLERK'S OFFICE )  
IN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) )  
April 23, 2020 )  
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**ORDER**

IT APPEARING to the Court that the Chief Justice of the Virginia Supreme Court has issued three declarations of judicial emergency in response to COVID-19 on March 16, 2020, March 27, 2020 and April 22, 2020, respectively; and the current outbreak of COVID-19 presents a threat to the health or safety of the general public and the clerk's office employees;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED pursuant to Virginia Code section 17.1-207(A)(3) that the Clerk of the Circuit Court is hereby authorized to close his office to walk-in business and require appointments to ensure proper social distancing, including a reduction of office hours and/or closing his doors to ensure only visitors who have appointments may enter his office, provided that the Clerk maintains mission critical and essential functions required by statute and by the Supreme Court orders declaring judicial emergency. This authorization is hereby effective immediately and shall remain in effect through May 17, 2020. This order may be extended or rescinded by the Court by further order. The Clerk shall post notice of this order on the Clerk's website and provide other public notice that the clerk deems appropriate.

ENTERED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2020.

  
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Douglas L. Fleming, Jr.  
Chief Judge, 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit