

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GUILFORD

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR AND DISTRICT COURT
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The undersigned Senior Resident Superior Court Judge and Chief District Court Judge for Judicial District 18 enter this Administrative Order pursuant to Governor Roy Cooper declaring a statewide emergency and Chief Justice Cheri Beasley's Administrative Order in response to the coronavirus COVID-19.

IT APPEARING TO THE COURT that on March 13, 2020, Governor Roy Cooper declared a state of emergency and recognized that the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services recommends that people at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 avoid large groups of people as much as possible" and further recognized that the "people at high risk of severe illness" are "adults over 65 years, those with underlying health conditions including heart disease, lung disease, or diabetes, or with weakened immune systems;"

AND IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services recommends for "Mass Gathering Events" that the event organizers, in part: 1) urge everyone who is sick not to attend; 2) encourage those who are at high risk as described above not attend; 3) find ways to give people more physical space to limit close contact as much as possible; and 4) encourage attendees to wash hands frequently;

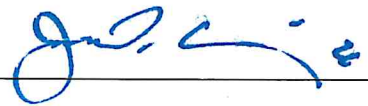
AND IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that Chief Justice Cheri Beasley of the North Carolina Supreme Court has issued an Administrative Order that most Superior and District Court activities in the State be suspended as necessary for matters related to COVID19;

AND IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that Article 1, Section 18 of the North Carolina Constitution provides "All courts shall be open; every person for an injury done him in his lands, goods, person, or reputation shall have remedy by due course of law, and right and justice shall be administered without favor, denial or delay;"

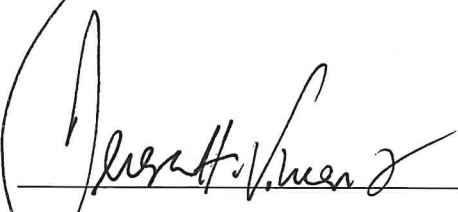
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Only courts that are necessary to due process of law, or are otherwise deemed necessary, and specifically Juvenile Delinquency, DHHS court and First Appearances will be held on July 22 and 23, 2020. All other courts are suspended on July 22-23, 2020.
2. All courts will resume on Friday, July 24, 2020 unless otherwise notified.

THIS the 21st day of July, 2020.



John O. Craig, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge



Teresa H. Vincent, Chief District Court Judge