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**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO
PROBATE DIVISION**

**JUDGE
ALBERT S. CAMPLESE**

In Re:

**ORDER DECLARING A JUDICIAL EMERGENCY
AND CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS OF
THE COURT DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC
[Fourth Addendum re: Court procedures and rules]**

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The Court finds the Governor of Ohio, Michael DeWine, declared a State of Emergency in Executive Order 2020-01D, and the Director of the Ohio Department of Health, Amy Acton, has declared there currently exists a "...high probability of widespread exposure to COVID-19 with a significant risk of substantial harm to a large number of people in the general population, including elderly people and people with weakened immune systems and chronic medical conditions" by Director's Order issued March 16, 2020.

The Court further finds Director Acton extended her "Director's Stay at Home Order," issued on March 22, 2020, through 11:59 o'clock p.m. on May 29, 2020.

The Court further finds all orders previously issued by this Court pursuant to authority conferred by this Court's *Order Declaring a Judicial Emergency and Continuity of Operations of the Court Due to COVID-19 Pandemic Judgment Entry*, filed March 17, 2020 should extended, and remain in effect, unless otherwise modified herein.

The Ashtabula County Common Pleas Court, Probate Division [hereinafter "Probate Court"], provides the following information, and temporarily modifies routine Court procedures and Local Rules of Court as follows:

1. **ALL HEARINGS AFTER MAY 1, 2020 SHALL PROCEED AS SCHEDULED**
Effective May 1, 2020 and thereafter, all hearings **shall proceed as originally scheduled** unless expressly continued by the Court's own order, or upon the motion of a party or counsel of record. Absent good cause to the contrary, these matters shall be heard via any of the methods authorized by Paragraph 9, of this Court's *Order Declaring a Judicial Emergency and Continuity of Operations of the Court Due to COVID-19 Pandemic*, filed March 16, 2020. This prior order is posted on the Ashtabula County Probate Court website.

2. The Court Administrator shall be, and is, authorized to determine the criteria by which admission shall be granted to the courthouse. The promulgation of any such criteria shall be informed by the recommendations of the Ohio Director of Public Health. Admission criteria shall be conspicuously posted at the entrance to the Probate Court.
3. The court remains **OPEN WITH RESTRICTIONS**. Based on recommendations from Responsible Restart Ohio, any individual entering the Probate Court for any reason authorized by this Court's prior orders must wear a face covering while conducting business in, on and about the Probate Court. For this purpose, Probate Court employees shall be required to wear a face covering during the duration of his/her interaction with any such individual. All parties shall maintain good hygiene, including regular hand washing, sanitizing and social distancing.
4. **SUBJECT TO FURTHER MODIFICATION**
This order shall be, and hereby is, remains subject to further modification.
5. **SERVICE OF JUDGMENT ENTRY**
6. This "Temporary Order" is ordered to be served on the Supreme Court of Ohio, Ashtabula County Prosecutor's Office, the Ashtabula County and Lake County Bar Associations, Ashtabula County Childrens Services Board, Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County and the media. A copy of this judgment shall be posted in the Probate Court Clerk's Office, and shall be published on the website of the Probate Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



JUDGE ALBERT S. CAMPLESE