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**TEMPORARY ORDER IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19
(CORONAVIRUS) PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS**

The Presiding/Administrative Judge of the Akron Municipal Court makes the following Findings of Fact:

1. On March 9, 2020 Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued Executive Order 2020-01D "Declaring a State of Emergency" in response to the growing 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 virus.
3. The Akron Municipal Court is located in the Harold K. Stubbs Building which has two working elevators.

Based upon these Findings of Fact, the Akron Municipal Court has developed a continuum of responses intended to protect public health, maintain essential court functions, and to continue to protect the rights of all individuals subject to the authority of the Court.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- All criminal proceedings for each judge will be done remotely through July 31, 2020. No in-person proceedings will be permitted except bench trials and suppression hearings as authorized by the Court.
- Traffic Court will operate remotely to the extent possible, through July 31, 2020.
- Eviction and Small Claims Court will operate remotely to the extent possible, through July 31, 2020.

- Arraignment Court will operate remotely to the extent possible, through July 31, 2020.
- If Defendants must appear in-person, masks must be worn, and social distancing protocols must be followed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Nicole Walker Digitally signed by Nicole Walker
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HON. NICOLE ANN WALKER
PRESIDING/ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE,
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