

ORDER

CONSIDERING the ongoing public health emergency due to COVID-19 and Executive Order 30 JBE 2020 and acting in accordance with La.Const. Art. V, Sec. 1 and the inherent powers of the Court; and

CONSIDERING THAT, pursuant to Executive Order 30 JBE 2020 legal deadlines, including liberative prescription and preemptive periods applicable to legal proceedings in all courts are hereby suspended until at least Monday, April 13, 2020, including but not limited to, any such deadlines set forth by law within the Louisiana Civil Code; Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure; Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure; Louisiana Children's Code; Louisiana Revised Statutes Titles 9, 13, 14, 15, 18, 23, 32, 40, 47, 49, and 56; and all other deadlines in legal proceedings in all courts, administrative agencies, and boards shall be suspended until Monday, April 13, 2020; and


CONSIDERING THAT the Louisiana Supreme Court has ordered that all non-essential court hearings be continued until at least March 27, 2020; that court clerks are urged to limit in-person courtroom contact as much as possible; and has declared that the time period of such continuance shall presumptively constitute just cause and shall be excluded from speedy trial computations pursuant to law; and

CONSIDERING THAT La. R.S. 1:55(E)(2) permits the Chief Judge to close the Clerk of Court's Office due to a hazardous or otherwise unsafe condition and to declare the period of closing to be a legal holiday;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the St. Mary Parish Clerk of Court's Office is **CLOSED** on Friday, March 20, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. and will reopen on Monday, April 13, 2020, unless terminated earlier by further orders of the Court or unless extended by further orders of the Court or by Executive Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the period of closing from Friday, March 20, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. until re-opening on Monday, April 13, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. shall constitute a legal holiday, unless terminated earlier by further orders of the Court.

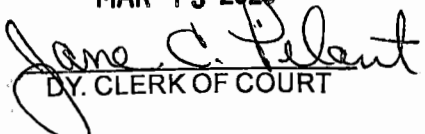
NEW IBERIA, IBERIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, THIS 19 DAY OF March, 2020.



THE HON. LEWIS H. PITMAN
CHIEF JUDGE
16TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

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DY. CLERK OF COURT