

**JUVENILE COURT  
PARISH OF ORLEANS  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

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**ORDER**

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Acting in accordance with La. Const. art. V, § 1, and the inherent power of this Court, and considering the emergency created by Hurricane Katrina and its devastating aftermath:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

1. The Juvenile Court, Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, shall be closed beginning August 29, 2005, through October 1, 2005, unless further extended by order of this Court;
2. Until such time as an *En Banc* meeting may be held, the Chief Judge, *ex proprio motu*, shall act for the Court.
3. The Court may conduct emergency hearings on a case by case basis as deemed in the best interest of the child. Such hearings may be conducted at any appropriate available facility convenient to the location of the child or by telephone or video conference.
4. The Court shall continue to exercise its plenary jurisdiction on a case by case basis as requested by state and local agencies in the exercise of their official functions.

Given at Lake Charles, Louisiana, this   5th   day of September, 2005.

FOR THE COURT:

(SIGNED)

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MARK DOHERTY, CHIEF JUDGE