## Nineteenth Judicial District Court Parish of East Baton Rouge State of Louisiana

Acting in accordance with Louisiana Constitution Article V, Section 1; Pursuant to LSA R.S. 1:55, due to the COVID-19 emergency as detailed in Governor John Bel Edwards' Declarations of Public Health Emergency (Executive Department Proclamation No. JBE 2020 – 30) and in accordance with the inherent powers of this court, the Chief Judge, acting on behalf of the Judges of the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court,

## IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

The Nineteenth Judicial District Court will close at 4:30 p.m. on March 17, 2020 and will remain closed until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 13, 2020.

Those with pending criminal cases and civil matters set during this closure will be notified of a new court date.

All jury trials are cancelled until Friday, April 17, 2020. Jurors who have been notified to appear during this time period (March 17, 2020 – April 10, 2020) are dismissed.

All dockets are cancelled except as follows:

Emergency and time-sensitive matters as determined by the Court may be held by teleconference or video conference. This Order expressly does not prohibit any court proceedings by telephone, video teleconferencing, or any other means.

## IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

The EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH Clerk of Court's office will be closed during this same time period, except that it will be open only for emergency filings between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information on filing visit the Clerk of Court's website at <a href="https://www.ebrclerkofcourt.org">www.ebrclerkofcourt.org</a>.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 17th day of March, 2020.

For the 19th Judicial District Court

Wilson Fields

Chief Judge