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**TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
NATCHITOCHES PARISH, LOUISIANA**

No. 2020-18

**SECOND ORDER IN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019
(COVID-19)**

Lala B. Sylvester, Chief Judge.
Desiree Duhon Dyess, District Judge

ORDER

ACTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOUISIANA CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE V, SECTION 1 and pursuant to La.R.S. 1:55, due to the COVID-19 emergency as detailed in Governor John Bel Edwards' Declarations of Public health Emergency (EDP No. JBE 2020-30) and in accordance with the inherent power of this Court, the 10th Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana in Natchitoches Parish:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

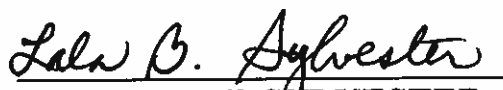
1. The Tenth Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana in Natchitoches Parish **will close at 4:30 p.m. March 18, 2020, and will remain closed until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 13, 2020.** The Natchitoches Parish Courthouse will remain open for limited services unless and until a gubernatorial proclamation declares otherwise;
2. Those with pending criminal cases and civil matters set during this closure are urged to contact their attorney. All parties will be notified of a new court date. **All criminal defendants are ordered to confirm their correct mailing address with the Natchitoches Parish District Attorney's Office and their bail-bondsperson;**
3. All dockets are canceled except emergency and time-sensitive matters as determined by this Court including and not limited to 72-hour bond hearings, civil protective orders, child in need of care (CINC) proceedings, emergency child custody matters, proceedings for children removed from their home by emergency court order, proceedings related to emergency interdictions and mental health orders, matters of public

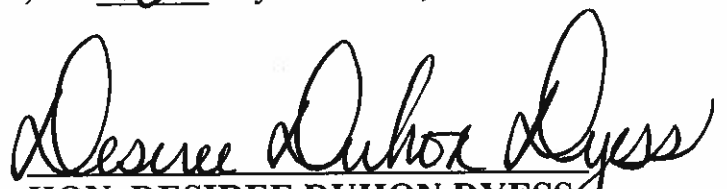
health related to this crisis and other emergency matters necessary to protect the health, safety and liberty of individuals as determined by each court;

4. Given the public health concerns and the necessity of taking action to slow the spread of the disease, the continuances occasioned by this Order serve the ends of justice and outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. Therefore, the time periods of such continuance shall be excluded from speedy trial computations pursuant to law, including but not limited to those set forth in the Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure and the Louisiana Children's Code, and presumptively constitute just cause;
5. The NATCHITOCHE PARISH CLERK OF COURT'S OFFICE shall be closed during the same time period, except that it will be open only for filings between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information on filing, visit the Clerk of Court's website at www.npclerkofcourt.org; and
6. All full-time 10th Judicial District Court of Louisiana employees will be on emergency leave during this closure without impact on their own accrued leave.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Court may issue further Orders regarding this matter as necessary to address the circumstances arising from this pandemic and will post such Orders on the Court's website at www.10jdc.com, this Court's Facebook page (*10th Judicial District Court of Louisiana*), and in the news media.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in Chambers, in the City and Parish of Natchitoches, and State of Louisiana, on this, the 18th day of March, 2020.


HON LALA B SYLVESTER
Chief Judge


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