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TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
NATCHITOCHEES PARISH, LOUISIANA

No. 2020-20

**ORDER OF LIMITED OFFICE HOURS FOR THE 10<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT AND THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT**

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

**ORDER**

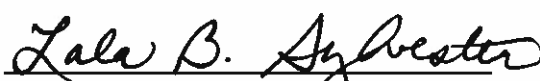
**THIS HONORABLE COURT, ON ITS OWN MOTION** and in an effort to comply to the degree possible with local, state, and federal guidelines in response to the current outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Louisiana:

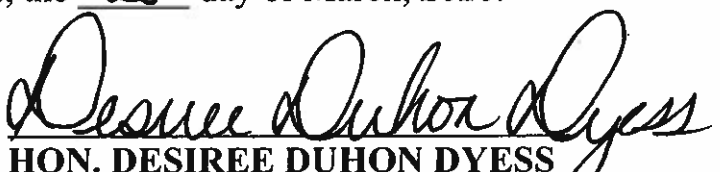
**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. Until Friday, April 10, 2020, **office hours of the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court shall be 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.** A judge will be present during those hours for all matters including 72-hour bond hearings, arraignments of detained adult and juvenile arrestees, firearm transfer 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 this court
2. Until Friday, April 10, 2020, **office hours of the Natchitoches Parish Clerk of Court's Office shall be 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.** All filings of any kind and nature shall be filed during these hours. Anyone seeking to file a Petition for Protection from Abuse outside of these hours are encouraged to call 911 if in an emergent situation and file their petitions the following business day during these hours.

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](http://www.10jdc.com), social media outlets ("10<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
HON. LALA B SYLVESTER  
Chief Judge

  
HON. DESIREE DUHON DYESS