IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER March 18, 2020

IN RE: COVID-19 EMERGENCY PROCEDURES IN CLAY COUNTY

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization, the federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Florida State Emergency Operations Center have devised systems to detect and monitor the outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (Covid-19), a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission; and

WHEREAS, mitigation of the effects of Covid-19 and hardship created thereby are a high priority in the Florida State Courts System; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Supreme Court has entered Administrative Orders No. AOS20-13 and AOS20-15, which, among other things, seek as much as possible to limit personal interaction in all court proceedings and related matters; and

The Chief Judge has delegated to the undersigned administrative judge of Clay County the authority to establish temporary procedures in Clay County, Florida;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me by the Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit and pursuant to the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration,

It is ORDERED as follows:

A. <u>CIVIL TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS</u>

Beginning immediately and until further order, individuals who have received a civil traffic citation are granted an additional thirty (30) days within which to file with the clerk of court an affidavit of defense.

B. <u>MISDEMEANOR PROBATION</u>

All individuals who have been placed on misdemeanor probation with a special condition to complete community service hours or to complete the Victim Impact Panel, or both, are granted an extension of ninety (90) days from the initially ordered completion date in order to satisfy those special conditions of probation.

This order supplements, and does not replace or otherwise modify, this court's administrative order dated March 17, 2020.

ORDERED this 1812 day of March, 2020.

Don H. Lester Administrative Judge Clay County

Copies to:

Hon. Timothy R. Collins Hon. Kristina K. Mobley Hon. Tara Green, Clerk of Court Office of the State Attorney, Clay County Office of the Public Defender, Clay County