IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BROWRD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Administrative Order 2021-63-Crim

PETITIONS FOR EXPUNCTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 943.0583, FLA. STAT.

(a) Pursuant to Article V, section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution, and section 43.26, Florida Statutes, the chief judge of each judicial circuit is charged with the authority and the power to do everything necessary to promote the prompt and efficient administration of justice.

(b) Florida Rule of Judicial General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(3) states the chief judge "shall, considering available resources, ensure the efficient and proper administration of all courts within [this] circuit."

(c) Section 943.0583, Florida Statutes, permits an individual who is a victim of human trafficking to petition a court for expunction of his or her criminal history where such history is the result of the arrest or filing of charges for an offense committed or reported to have been committed while the person was a victim of human trafficking, which offense was committed or reported to have been committed as a part of the human trafficking scheme of which the person was a victim or at the direction of an operator of the scheme.

(d) In accordance with the authority vested in the Chief Judge by Article V, section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution, section 43.26, Florida Statutes, and Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

(1) All petitions filed pursuant to section 943.0583, Florida Statutes, shall be heard by the Honorable Stacy Ross.

(2) Upon filing a petition with the Clerk of the Court, the moving party shall simultaneously provide a courtesy copy of the filing and all supporting documentation to Judge Stacy Ross.

(3) Any party who files a petition pursuant to section 943.0583, Florida Statutes, has an obligation to ensure such filing complies with all statutes and/or court rules governing the confidentiality of court records.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 1st day of November, 2021.

<u>/s/ Jack Tuter</u> Jack Tuter, Chief Judge