

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

Administrative Order No. 2024-24-Temp

**SUSPENDING COURT OPERATIONS DUE TO THE THREAT OF
TROPICAL STORM/HURRICANE CONDITIONS (HURRICANE
MILTON)**

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

(1) The operations of all Seventeenth Judicial Circuit and Broward County Courts are suspended beginning Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Court operations will resume Friday, October 11, 2024, if conditions permit.

(2) The suspension of court operations shall include the suspension of all of the following activities:

- a. Marchman Act involuntary commitments.
- b. Jury Duty scheduled for Wednesday, October 9, 2024 and Thursday, October 10, 2024, is cancelled.
- c. All foreclosure sales currently scheduled for Wednesday, October 9, 2024 and Thursday, October 10, 2024, are cancelled and shall be shall be rescheduled by the Clerk of the Courts.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), the following court operations **will continue** as follows:

- a. First appearance hearings on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 and Thursday, October 10, 2024 will follow a weekend schedule with Judge Michele Ricca presiding. This docket may be held via Zoom.
- b. Dependency Shelter Hearings: Petitions should be emailed to the on-duty shelter judge for Dependency Shelter Hearings on Wednesday morning, October 9, 2024 and Thursday morning, October 10, 2024. If probable cause is found, the parties will be directed to appear for an in-

person hearing on Friday, October 11, 2024, when the courthouse is anticipated to reopen.

c. Juvenile Detention hearings for Wednesday, October 9, 2024 and Thursday, October 10, 2024, will be held by Zoom in First Appearance at 8:30 A.M. before the Honorable, Judge Michele Ricca. Everyone, including juveniles, must appear via ZOOM.

d. Law enforcement shall continue Baker Act involuntary detoxification procedures.

(4) Notwithstanding the above, for any court emergency arising after 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 and through Thursday, October 10, 2024, please contact the Broward Sheriff's Office at (954) 831-7330, who will contact the assigned Duty Judge.

(5) For any **emergency** petition seeking a domestic violence restraining order, repeat violence restraining order, dating violence restraining order, stalking restraining order, or sexual violence restraining order, please contact the Broward County Clerk of the Courts at 954-761-1133.

(6) For any **existing** petition related to a domestic violence restraining order, repeat violence restraining order, dating violence restraining order, stalking restraining order, or sexual violence restraining order, that is set to expire after 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 and through Thursday, October 10, 2024, the time is extended until at such time as a hearing can be held on the matter.

(7) Risk Protection Orders that are set to expire after 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 through Thursday, October 10, 2024 are extended until at such time as a hearing can be held.

(8) For more information concerning the resumption of court operations in the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, call the Circuit's emergency hotline at (954) 831-7777 or visit the Court's website at www.17th.flcourts.org or social media (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn) pages.

(9) Upon resumption of the court's normal operations, the Trial Court Administrator or designee shall request a tolling order from the Florida Supreme Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on October 8, 2024.

/s/ Jack Tuter

Jack Tuter, Chief Judge