

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

Administrative Order No. 2022-48-Temp

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

(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 shall be suspended on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, and Thursday, November 10, 2022.

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

a. Issuance of any domestic violence restraining orders, repeat violence restraining orders, dating violence stalking restraining orders, or sexual violence restraining orders. In **non-emergency** situations, individuals advising authorities that they are in need of any of these restraining orders shall be assisted in receiving shelter and protection at any hurricane shelter available and advised to seek the applicable restraining order when normal court activities resume.

b. Marchman Act involuntary commitments.

c. Jury Duty scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2022, and Thursday, November 10, 2022 is cancelled.

d. All foreclosure sales currently scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2022, and Thursday, November 10, 2022 are cancelled and 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, November 9, 2022 and Thursday, November 10, 2022, will follow a weekend schedule with Judge Phoebe Francois presiding. This docket may be held via Zoom.
 - b. Dependency shelter hearings and juvenile detention hearings will follow a normal schedule on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, and Thursday, November 10, 2022. These dockets may be held remotely using Zoom, subject to the discretion of the Administrative Judge of the Unified Family Division and Chairperson of the Juvenile Delinquency division.
 - c. Law enforcement shall continue Baker Act involuntary detoxification procedures.
 - d. Any judge wishing to hold any hearing not otherwise listed herein may do so remotely provided he or she has secured the agreement of all counsel and/or interested parties.
- (4) Notwithstanding the above, for any court emergency arising after 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 through Thursday, November 10, 2022, 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 on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, through Thursday, November 10, 2022, the time is extended until such time as a hearing can be held on the matter.
- (7) Risk Protection Orders that are set to expire on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, through Thursday, November 10, 2022, are extended until at such time 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.

(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, this 9th day of November, 2022, *nunc pro tunc* to November 8th, 2022.

/s/ Jack Tuter

Jack Tuter, Chief Judge