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JUDGE
ALBERT S. CAMPLESE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re:

ORDER DECLARING A JUDICIAL EMERGENCY
AND CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS OF
THE COURT DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC
[Fourth Addendum re: Court procedures and rules]

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The Court finds the Governor of Ohio, Michael DeWine, declared a State of Emergency in Executive Order 2020-01D, and the Director of the Ohio Department of Health, Amy Acton, has declared there currently exists a "...high probability of widespread exposure to COVID-19 with a significant risk of substantial harm to a large number of people in the general population, including elderly people and people with weakened immune systems and chronic medical conditions" by Director's Order issued March 16, 2020.

The Court further finds Director Acton extended her "Director's Stay at Home Order," issued on March 22, 2020, through 11:59 o'clock p.m. on May 1, 2020.

The Court further finds all orders previously issued by this Court pursuant to authority conferred by this Court's *Order Declaring a Judicial Emergency and Continuity of Operations of the Court Due to COVID-19 Pandemic Judgment Entry*, filed March 17, 2020 should extended, and remain in effect, unless otherwise modified herein.

The Ashtabula County Common Pleas Court, Probate Division [hereinafter "Probate Court"], provides the following information, and temporarily modifies routine Court procedures and Local Rules of Court as follows:

1. ALL MARRIAGE LICENSES TO BE ISSUED VIA VIDEO APPOINTMENT:

Effective April 6, 2020 through May 1, 2020, Marriage Licenses shall be issued via appointment scheduled with the Probate Clerk's Office.

In order to apply, applicants must demonstrate the existence of an exigent circumstance requiring the issuance of a marriage license during the current COVID-19 pandemic, and that they have scheduled a wedding ceremony within the next 30 days. Applicants must also supply contact information (name, address, and telephone number) of the officiant performing the wedding

ceremony. If the above referenced prerequisites are met, the Applicants may submit a marriage application via email to the Probate Court at probate@ashtabulacounty.us . A Probate clerk will contact applicants to schedule a video appointment. All appointments will be scheduled on a Thursday, one per hour, between 8:00 o'clock a.m. and 4:00 o'clock p.m. Applicants must have a valid email address, printer and working video camera, such as a laptop or smart device. Detailed instructions are posted on line at: http://courts.co.ashtabula.oh.us/probate_court.htm

2. SUBJECT TO FURTHER MODIFICATION

This order shall be, and hereby is, remains subject to further modification.

3. SERVICE OF JUDGMENT ENTRY

4. This "Temporary Order" is ordered to be served on the Supreme Court of Ohio, Ashtabula County Prosecutor's Office, Ashtabula County Childrens Services Board, Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County, Court Assessors, Guardian *ad Litem*' s and the media. A copy of this judgment shall be posted in the Probate Court Clerk's Office, and shall be published on the website of the Probate Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



JUDGE ALBERT S. CAMPLESE