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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF OHIO
SIXTH APPELLATE DISTRICT

DECISION AND JUDGMENT

Decided: **MAR 17 2020**

**TEMPORARY ORDER IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19
(CORONAVIRUS) PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS**

The Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals Judges of Erie, Fulton, Huron, Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, Williams, and Wood Counties, make the following Findings of Fact:

1. On March 9, 2020 Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued Executive Order 2020-01D "Declaring a State of Emergency" in response to the growing COVID-19 public health crisis.
2. On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 to be a global "pandemic" requiring "urgent and aggressive action" to control the spread of the virus.

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Based upon these Findings of Fact, the Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals has developed a continuum of flexible response in case the public health crisis escalates. The continuum of responses is intended to protect public health, to maintain essential court functions, and to continue to protect rights of all individuals subject to authority of the Court.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The Ohio Appellate Rules and Local Rules of Court may be temporarily adapted to allow Court flexibility, within Constitutional limits, in response to public health emergency.
2. The Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals security policies may be temporarily amended or supplemented to protect public health while maintaining essential court functions.
3. The Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals Handbook provisions may be temporarily adjusted to maintain essential court operations and functions.
4. The public health emergency may be considered to be a finding of good cause for continuances deemed necessary by assigned Judges on a case-by-case basis.
5. The Court will have the lawful authority, within constitutional limits, to do and direct to be done all things necessary to ensure the orderly and

efficient administration of justice for the duration of the declared public health emergency.

Mark L. Pietrykowski, J.

Arlene Singer, J.

Thomas J. Osowik, J.

Christine E. Mayle, J.

Gene A. Zmuda, P.J.

CONCUR.



JUDGE



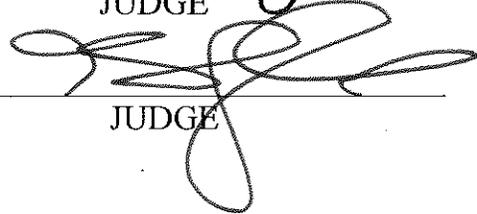
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