

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. A-2017-46

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER CLOSING COURTS

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irma has caused significant damage throughout the five counties of the Circuit resulting in inaccessibility of basic services such as power, water, and fire-fighting capability in some areas, and unavailability of essential court services, such as ECR and interpretation, because of the hardship or impossibility of traveling within the Circuit, with trees being down, roads being closed in some areas, traffic lights not functioning in some areas, and traffic nevertheless being at a greater volume than usual, which conditions are not expected to be fully resolved until Monday, September 18, 2017, and

WHEREAS, necessary court technology is presently being restored but will not be fully functional in all areas until Monday, September 18, 2017, and

WHEREAS, many schools and other public and private services are closed in much of the Circuit until Monday, September 18, 2017, further affecting court staff and litigants, and

BASED UPON THE UNANIMOUS recommendation of the emergency response team for the Courts in the Circuit that courts remain closed until Monday, September 18, 2017,

AND BASED UPON THE UNANIMOUS recommendation of the administrative judges for the five counties of the Circuit that courts remain closed until Monday, September 18, 2017,

It is therefore

ORDERED and ADJUDGED as follows:

Courts in Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, and Sumter Counties are closed until 8:00 a.m. Monday, September 18, 2017. Local emergency procedures for each county continue to

apply for first appearances, juvenile detention hearings, and shelter hearings. No hearings will be conducted within the courthouses until Monday, September 18, 2017.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Ocala, Marion County, Florida this 13th day of September, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "S. Sue Robbins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

**S. SUE ROBBINS
CHIEF JUDGE
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**