

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR CITRUS, HERNANDO, LAKE, MARION AND SUMTER  
COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.: A2006-28**

**WHEREAS** there are many children in the Judicial Circuit who are involved in dependency matters pursuant to Chapter 39, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS** these children may be in the temporary legal custody of, and residing with other family members, non-relatives, or in the custody of the Department of Children and Families licensed care and/or permanently committed to the Department;

**WHEREAS** this Court recognizes the ongoing threat of emergency weather conditions currently facing the State of Florida and particularly this District comprising of Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion and Sumter Counties; and

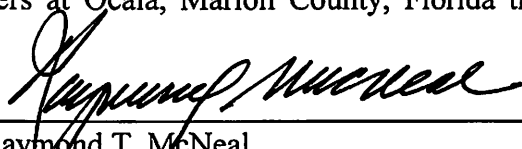
**WHEREAS** it is necessary for the efficient administration of justices and for the safety of the children who are currently under this Court's jurisdiction; it is therefore

**ORDERED:**

In the event of a threat, watch and/or warning of a hurricane or other state of emergency in Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion and/or Sumter Counties:

1. That children who are in and out of home care and residing with other family members, non-relatives, or in the custody of the Department of Children and Families licensed care and/or permanently committed to the Department as a result of a dependency matter in the Fifth Judicial Circuit may, upon threat of a hurricane, evacuate the area to a safe place either within the state or out of the state.
2. That the foster parent or other legal custodian shall notify and continue to update the Department of Children and Families of the child(ren) whereabouts at all time, and shall return the child(ren) to this Court's jurisdiction as soon as it is safe to do so.
3. This administrative order shall be effective immediately.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at Ocala, Marion County, Florida this  
7 day of Nov., 2006.

  
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Raymond T. McNeal  
Administrative Family Law Judge