

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: A-2020-35

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER CLARIFYING THE EXPIRATION OF
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER A-2020-24, SUSPENDING
BOND FORFEITURE DEADLINES**

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the undersigned Chief Judge Daniel B. Merritt, Jr. issued Administrative Order No. A-2020-12, "*Administrative Order Regarding Court Closure Due to COVID-19 Pandemic*", and has amended same, most recently, August 4, 2020 (A-2020-12-G); and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2020, the undersigned Chief Judge Daniel B. Merritt, Jr. issued Administrative Order No. A-2020-24, "*Administrative Order Suspending Bond Forfeiture Deadlines*" which by its own terms, found in paragraph 2. of the Order, expired at 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. A-2020-12-G inadvertently failed to remove mention of Administrative A-2020-24, an oversight that may cause some to question if A-2020-24 had in fact expired by its own terms; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article V, section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution, and Section 43.26, Florida Statutes, the Chief Judge of each judicial circuit is charged with the authority and the power to do everything necessary to promote the prompt and efficient administration of justice:

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED and ADJUDGED that Administrative Order A-2020-24 has expired as of June 30, 2020 at 5:00 and no longer has any force and effect.

DONE and ORDERED in Chambers at Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida this 6th of August, 2020.



The Honorable Daniel B. Merritt, Jr.
Chief Judge, Fifth Judicial Circuit