

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. A-2022-56

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER CLOSING COURTS
IN RESPONSE TO TROPICAL STORM NICOLE**

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Nicole is projected to make landfall as a hurricane on the east coast of Florida as a major wind and rain event and has the potential to cause significant storm surge damage to the coastal counties of Citrus and Hernando and the inland counties of Lake, Marion, and Sumter are projected experience potentially serious flooding; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2022, the Governor of Florida has declared a state of emergency to include Hernando, Citrus, Lake, and Sumter Counties, and the surrounding circuits have also closed their courts; and

WHEREAS, all schools and many public and private services will be closed throughout the entirety of the Fifth Judicial Circuit; and

BASED UPON THE UNANIMOUS recommendation by the Circuit Administrative Judges, Senior Court Administration, and the Emergency Response Team for the Courts in the Circuit, that the

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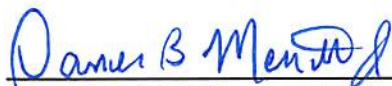
courts of the Fifth Judicial Circuit should be closed from the end of court business Wednesday November 9, 2022, until 8:00 a.m. Monday, November 14, 2022;

It is therefore

ORDERED and ADJUDGED as follows:

1. Courts in Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, and Sumter Counties are closed beginning at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday November 9, 2022, until 8:00 a.m. Monday, November 14, 2022.

DONE AND ORDERED in Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida, this 9th day of November , 2022.



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