

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. A-2023-30-B

**SECOND AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER CLOSING COURTS
IN RESPONSE TO TROPICAL STORM IDALIA
(amended as to closure of Courts of Lake County)**

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Idalia has rapidly progressed into a Hurricane and will make landfall on the west coast of Florida as a Major Hurricane with the potential to cause significant damage throughout the five counties of the Circuit.

WHEREAS, the Governor of Florida has declared a state of emergency to include every county within the Fifth Judicial Circuit; and

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

BASED UPON the recommendation and concurrence of the Administrative Judges of Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, and Sumter Counties, and the Fifth Judicial Circuit Emergency Response Team that the courts of Citrus, Hernando, and Marion Counties should be closed from the end of court business Monday, August 28, 2023, until 8:00 a.m. Thursday, August 31, 2023.

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Further, it has been recommended that Sumter County should be closed at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, and remained closed until 8 a.m. Thursday, August 31, 2023.

Additionally, it has been recommended that Lake County should be closed at the end of court business Tuesday, August 29, 2023, and remain closed until 8 a.m. Thursday, August 31, 2023.

It is therefore,

ORDERED and ADJUDGED as follows:

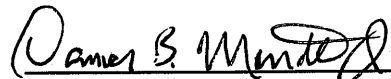
1. With the exception of the Jail Docket presided over by the Honorable Bruce Carney in Citrus County to be held during the morning of Tuesday, August 29, 2023, which will take place as scheduled, the Courts in Citrus, Hernando, and, Marion Counties are closed beginning at 8:00 p.m. Monday August 28, 2023, until 8:00 a.m. Thursday, August 31, 2023.
2. Courts in Sumter County are to close at 12 p.m. (noon) Tuesday, August 29, 2023, and remain closed until 8:00 a.m. Thursday, August 31, 2023.
3. Courts in Lake County are to close at the end of court business Tuesday, August 29, 2023, and remain closed until 8:00 a.m. Thursday, August 31, 2023.

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4. The intent of this Order is have all courts of the Fifth Judicial Circuit to be operating normally at the start of court business on Thursday, August 29, 2023, however, this is also with the understanding that further developments in the track and strength of the Storm, and the Storm's aftermath, may demand amendment.

DONE AND ORDERED in Brooksville, Hernando County,

Florida, this 29th day of August 2023.



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