

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN
AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.: C-2025-63**

IN RE:

**TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT
OF COUNTY COURT JUDGES
AS ACTING CIRCUIT COURT
JUDGES, AS NEEDED, IN
LIGHT OF A MEDICAL
ABSENCE**

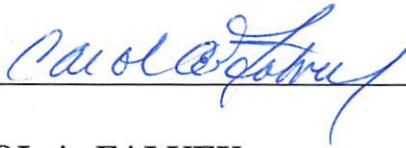
THIS CAUSE came before the Court regarding the temporary appointment of COUNTY COURT JUDGES as acting CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES in light of the HONORABLE RICHARD A. HOWARD'S anticipated extended absence. Accordingly, COUNTY COURT JUDGES in Citrus County are empowered to exercise jurisdiction over Circuit Court dockets, as required to address the matters pending before the HONORABLE RICHARD A. HOWARD from this date until he returns to full duty, which is undetermined at this juncture.

Thus, this Court finds that, for the efficient administration of justice in Citrus County, Florida, County Court Judges serving in Citrus County, Florida, shall have the ability to act as Circuit Court judges, when needed, to cover pending matters assigned to the HONORABLE RICHARD A. HOWARD.

Therefore, it is **ORDERED** that COUNTY COURT JUDGES in

CITRUS COUNTY shall act as Circuit Court Judges of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, as required, to address matters before the Honorable Richard A. Howard.

DONE and ORDERED in Chambers, at Inverness, Citrus County, Florida, this 15th day of December, 2025.



CAROL A. FALVEY,
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE