

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

**IN RE:**

**AMENDED TEMPORARY  
APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY  
COURT JUDGES AS ACTING  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES**

**(to reflect the passing of the  
Honorable Richard A. Howard)**

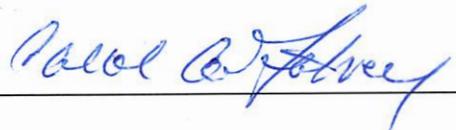
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**THIS CAUSE** came before the Court regarding the temporary appointment of **COUNTY COURT JUDGES** as acting **CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES** in light of the **HONORABLE RICHARD A. HOWARD'S** passing. Accordingly, **COUNTY COURT JUDGES** in Citrus County 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 his vacant judicial seat is filled.

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**, until his vacant judicial seat is filled.

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, until his vacant judicial seat is filled.

**DONE and ORDERED** in Chambers, at Inverness, Citrus County, Florida, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Carol A. Falvey", is written above a horizontal line.

**CAROL A. FALVEY,  
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE**