IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 12.705-11/22

IN RE: TOLLING ORDER RE: MARCHMAN ACT AND BAKER ACT PROCEEDINGS DUE TO TROPICAL STORM/HURRICANE NICOLE

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As a result of Tropical Storm/Hurricane Nicole, the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit has announced a closure of all Court proceedings, including all remote hearings on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 and Thursday, November 10, 2022. At this point in time, the schedule for next week has not yet been announced. Because of the suspension of Court proceedings, the Florida Supreme Court will issue a tolling order governing all Court proceedings. However, the Chief Judge deemed it prudent to inform all involved of the interim status of currently scheduled Marchman Act and Baker Act proceedings.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215 it is **ORDERED** as follows:

- 1. Marchman Act proceedings scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2022 in South County and Thursday, November 10, 2022 in North County are cancelled.
- 2. The General Magistrates and their staff shall contact the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office the day Court reopens to ascertain which Respondents were served and which were not served. For those Respondents who were served, it will be the obligation of the respective General Magistrate's offices to reschedule those hearings to occur on their next regularly available Marchman Act docket, given appropriate consideration for due process considerations (i.e. proper notice and an opportunity to be heard).
- 3. Baker Act proceedings scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2022 in North and South County are cancelled.
- 4. The cancelled Baker Act hearings shall rollover to the next available Tuesday or Thursday when court reopens. The Clerk of the Circuit Court shall re-notice all of those Baker Act proceedings accordingly.

DONE and SIGNED in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida this 8th of November 2022.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURT

Glenn Kelley, Chief Judge