IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN RE: COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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ORDER SETTING ASIDE ORDER OF APRIL 6, 2020 REGARDING FILING OF DOCUMENTS BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

On March 13, 2020, the Chief Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court declared a state of emergency for the Judicial Branch of Tennessee government in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Supreme Court then amended and supplemented its order on March 25, 2020. urging trial courts to "minimize in-person contact by utilizing available technologies, including alternative means of filing, teleconferencing, email, and video conferencing." In accordance with the Tennessee Supreme Court's instruction, the Hamilton County Circuit Court issued an order on April 6, 2020 permitting the filing of documents by email.

On June 8, 2023, the Tennessee Supreme Court issued an Order ending and rescinding all orders issued pursuant to the declared state of emergency. In light of the Tennessee Supreme Court's rescission of its prior orders, the Hamilton County Circuit Court hereby rescinds its order of April 6, 2020. Email filing will no longer be permitted after August 8, 2023.

ENTERED this 2/5 day of July, 2023.

Court, Division I

Marie Williams, Judge Circuit Court, Division III

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