

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, BLAIR COUNTY
24TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

IN RE: 24TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT -

DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

SUPREME COURT:

NO. 20 WM 2020

BLAIR COUNTY:

NO. 2020 MD 0003

ORDER

On or about March 21, 2020, this Court entered an order pertaining to the filing of Protection from Abuse (PFA), Sexual Violence and Intimidation (PSVI) and Abuse of Elderly Protection between the hours of 8:00 am and 2:30 pm. Said Order was in effect until April 14, 2020, or further Order of this Court.

In light of the Orders by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and President Judge Elizabeth A. Doyle continuing the Judicial Emergency through at least April 30, 2020, this Court's previous Order of March 21, 2020, is hereby **VACATED**.

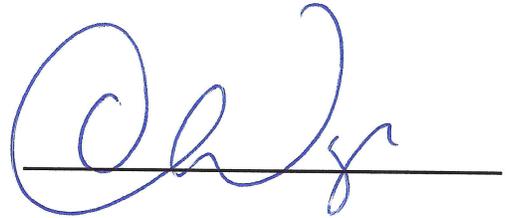
The Court restates its Order of March 21, 2020, in its entirety below with the exception as set forth below that **said Petitions shall be handled by the Magisterial District Judge having jurisdiction during normal court business hours through April 30, 2020, or until further Order of this Court. Outside normal business hours, the On-Call Magisterial District Judge shall continue to handle said Petitions as per normal practice.**

AND NOW, this 14th day of April, 2020, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Order dated March 16, 2020, and the individual Judicial Emergency declared by President Judge Elizabeth A. Doyle, the Court hereby **ORDERS, DIRECTS and DECREES** as follows:

1. The Blair County Court of Common Pleas, in light of the statewide Judicial Emergency and the fact there is already an efficient process in place with the public, law enforcement and the Blair County Magisterial District Judges, hereby deems itself unavailable for the filing of Protection from Abuse (PFA), Sexual Violence and Intimidation (PSVI) and Abuse of Elderly Petitions between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.
2. All Emergency Protection Orders shall be handled by the Magisterial District Judge having jurisdiction through the use of Advanced Communication Technology (ACT), including video and/or telephone. Police departments should contact the respective Magisterial District Court directly.
3. Said emergency petition shall be forwarded to the Protection From Abuse (PFA) Office at the Blair County Courthouse and the Petitioner shall be advised to contact the PFA by telephone no later than 11:00 am the next business day.
4. The application for the temporary protection order shall be handled by a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas through ex parte proceeding by review and/or the use of Advanced Communication Technology (ACT), including video and/or telephone.

5. This administrative order shall be in effect immediately and shall continue in effect until April 30, 2020, or until further order of the Court.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Doyle', is written over a solid black horizontal line. The signature is cursive and fluid.

Elizabeth Doyle, President Judge