

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PASCO AND PINELLAS COUNTIES, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2017-043 PA/PI-CIR

RE: JUVENILE DEPENDENCY CASES DURING HURRICANE IRMA

Due to the approach of Hurricane Irma and in order to ensure the safety of children currently the subject of a juvenile dependency matter who reside in in-home or out-of-home placement, and in accordance with Article V, section 7, Florida Constitution, Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, and section 43.26, Florida Statutes,

IT IS ORDERED:

Due to the threat of Hurricane Irma, the custodial parent(s), foster parent(s), or out-of-home caregiver(s) for any child currently involved in a juvenile dependency matter pending before a juvenile dependency court in the Sixth Judicial Circuit may evacuate the area, including out-of-state travel, with the child/children in their care. Any other orders of the court or directives of the Department of Children and Families shall remain in full force and effect.

This Order shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida, this _____ day of September, 2017.

ORIGINAL SIGNED ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2017
BY JACK HELINGER, ACTING CHIEF JUDGE

cc: All Judges
The Honorable Bernie McCabe, State Attorney
The Honorable Bob Dillinger, Public Defender
The Honorable Paula O'Neil, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pasco County
The Honorable Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pinellas County
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