

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2017-048 PA/PI-CIR

RE: HURRICANE IRMA

Due to the fact that Hurricane Irma is a hurricane of unprecedented magnitude and the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court, Pasco and Pinellas Counties, is in the direct path of Hurricane Irma, it has become necessary to order the continued closure of the courts and the temporary continuance of advisory hearings to ensure the safety and security of the citizens of Pinellas and Pasco Counties. The Florida Supreme Court issued Administrative Order AOSC17-46 directing the closure of the Florida State Courts System on Friday, September 8, 2017. Sixth Judicial Circuit Administrative Order 2017-044 ordered the activation of Administrative Order 2015-017 PA/PI-CIR through 8:01 a.m., Monday, September 11, 2017. Sixth Judicial Circuit Administrative Order 2017-046 ordered the extended activation of Administrative Order 2015-017 PA/PI-CIR and court closure through 7:59 a.m., Tuesday, September 12, 2017. In order to provide for continued operations of the Court during an emergency, 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:

1. The activation of Administrative Order 2015-017 PA/PI-CIR is hereby extended and regular court operations shall remain suspended in Pasco and Pinellas Counties through 7:59 a.m., Wednesday, September 13, 2017.
2. It is essential that the Court take the extraordinary actions of suspending advisory hearings in Pasco and Pinellas Counties for Sunday September 10, 2017 and Monday September 11, 2017. Advisory hearings in Pasco and Pinellas Counties for Tuesday September 12, 2017 will be at 1:00 p.m.
3. Crucial functions will continue at the discretion of the Chief Judge or his designee in accordance with Administrative Order 2015-017 PA/PI-CIR. This Administrative Order is hereby rescinded 8:01 a.m., Wednesday, September 13, 2017, unless otherwise extended by written order from the Chief Judge.

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

ORIGINAL SIGNED SEPTEMBER 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 Court, Pasco County
The Honorable Ken Burke, Clerk of Court, Pinellas County
The Honorable Chris Nocco, Sheriff, Pasco County
The Honorable Bob Gualtieri, Sheriff, Pinellas County
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The Haven, Domestic Violence Center
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