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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DIST. OHIO  
EAST. DIV. COLUMBUS

**In Re:**

**FURTHER ORDER REGARDING** :  
**COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE** : **GENERAL ORDER 20-31**  
**ONGOING EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES** :  
**CREATED BY COVID-19** :

**Extension of General Order 20-27**

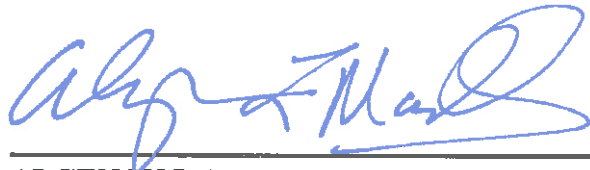
On September 29, 2020, this Court entered General Order 20-27 addressing the continuing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Court operations. Pursuant to that Order, the Court suspended civil jury trials, in-Court civil proceedings, in-Court naturalizations, and grand jury sessions except in the limited class of cases enumerated therein. The Court allowed, effective October 1, 2020, for the resumption of criminal jury trials and other in-Court criminal evidentiary proceedings. In adopting the suspensions and other provisions in General Order 20-27, the Court kept intact the exception which permits a Judicial Officer, upon a determination of “it being in the interests of justice,” to conduct in-Court proceedings, civil or criminal.

Upon consideration of the gating criteria previously approved by this Court, as well as the current conditions that exist in the Southern District of Ohio and nationwide regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, this Court finds that the suspensions and other limitations on Court operations adopted in General Order 20-27 should continue to remain in effect until at least November 30, 2020.

**Accordingly, the Court hereby extends General Order 20-27 through November 30, 2020.**

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**DATED: October 30, 2020**



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**ALGENON L. MARBLEY  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**