IN THE 16TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MISSOURI FAMILY COURT DIVISION

IN RE: Temporary Emergency Discretion to

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 20-04

Place Juveniles on Electronic Monitoring

SUPERSEDING ORDER

WHEREAS, the existence and spread of the COVID-19 virus has resulted in the declaration of a world-wide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to take steps to protect the health and safety of the public as well as all employees of the Family Court Division; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and necessary to take quick action to reduce the exposure and spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the unprecedented circumstances existing at this time warrant this administrative action; and

WHEREAS, the Family Court Administrative Judge of the 16th Judicial Circuit has general administrative authority over the Family Court Division;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, effective March 20, 2020:

- 1. That for all juveniles subject to the Court's jurisdiction or custody that are placed in the community on probation or awaiting adjudication, their Juvenile Probation Officer or Deputy Juvenile Officer shall have the discretion to place juveniles who are on Intensive Supervision Services, or other high-level supervision, on electronic monitoring in lieu of conducting face-to-face contacts or home visits as might normally be required.
- 2. This action is in the best interests of the juveniles.
- 3. This Administrative Order is subject to review or modification on *April 27, 2020*. Administrative Order No. 20-02 is hereby set aside and held for naught.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

JALILAH OTTO

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE FAMILY COURT DIVISION

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