

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

**IN RE: CLOSING OF JUDICIAL OFFICES ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021,
PURSUANT TO COR 7 C 12.2(b)**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO 2021-024

ORDER

WHEREAS, Jackson County officials have advised the Presiding Judge of the 16th Judicial Circuit that the County is suspending County operations on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 due to extreme and historic cold temperatures and wind chills expected overnight and during the day on February 16th, as well as due to planned outages energy companies have indicated they may institute in order to address an increased and potentially overwhelming consumer demand for energy.

WHEREAS, these unprecedented temperatures and circumstances impede the ability of the Court to conduct business and make doing so unsafe for Court staff and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, COR 7 C 12.2(b) authorizes the Presiding Judge to close judicial offices due to unsafe conditions that impede the ability of the judicial offices to conduct business, which Court Operating Rule provides as follows:

C.12.2 Presiding Judge

(b) The presiding judge may authorize a judicial office within the circuit to close for all or part of the day to any unsafe office condition, which impedes the ability of the office to conduct business, or pursuant to authorization by the Chief Justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that all judicial offices located in the 16th Judicial Circuit shall be **CLOSED** on Tuesday, February 16, 2021. Employees who are required to report to work as directed by their department director shall report to work as normal.

February 15, 2021

/s/ J. Dale Youngs

Date

J. DALE YOUNGS, Presiding Judge

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