STATE OF ALABAMA  )
JEFFERSON COUNTY  )

## TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ALABAMA
## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.: AO-2021-022

**WHEREAS,** the current predictions of the National Weather Service demonstrate the potential for the State of Alabama and more particularly, the Tenth Judicial Circuit, to be severely affected by inclement weather on Thursday, March 25, 2021, and,

**WHEREAS,** all of the above could result in adverse effects to the health, safety and welfare of the employees of the Tenth Judicial Circuit and the public generally who are utilizing the services of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in different ways, and

It is therefore hereby **ORDERED and DIRECTED** as follows:

1. The Presiding Judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Alabama has determined that all Unified Judicial System Courts, Circuit and District, and all Clerks' Offices within the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Alabama, Birmingham and Bessemer Divisions, close at **1:00 p.m.,** or as soon as it becomes safe to travel, **on Thursday, March 25, 2021** and shall remain closed for the remainder of the day.

2. Over this period, the Clerks' Offices are hereby directed to maintain sufficient staff on hand, as in the discretion of the Circuit Clerk of the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Alabama, to handle any emergency, civil or criminal, that may arise on March 25, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

3. Attorneys and Parties with previously scheduled virtual hearings should contact their individual Judges for further instructions.

**DONE and ORDERED** this 25ᵗʰ day of March, 2021.

/s/ Elisabeth A. French
**ELISABETH A. FRENCH**
**PRESIDING JUDGE**

cc:   <u>Via e-mail distribution</u>
Honorable Tom Parker, Chief Justice
Dr. Rich Hobson, Administrative Director of Courts
Julia Jordan Weller, Clerk, Supreme Court of Alabama
All Judges and Staff, Tenth Judicial Circuit
Jacqueline Anderson Smith, Circuit Clerk, Tenth Judicial Circuit
Karen Dunn Burks, Circuit Clerk, Bessemer Division
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