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**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO
ROBERT G. MONTGOMERY, JUDGE**

**IN THE MATTER OF
COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
AND COURT OPERATIONS**

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: **CASE No. 603535**
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**JOURNAL ENTRY AND COURT ORDER TEMPORARILY WAIVING
ORIGINAL SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS UNDER LOC.R. 57.5 AND LOC.R. 57.6**

After careful review and consideration of Governor DeWine's Executive Order 2020-01D declaring a state of emergency; of the Ohio Department of Health's March 22, 2020 Director's Stay at Home Order; and of the guidelines and directives issued by the Supreme Court of Ohio regarding court operations during the present COVID-19 pandemic; the Court has reviewed its policies with respect to the signing of filings.

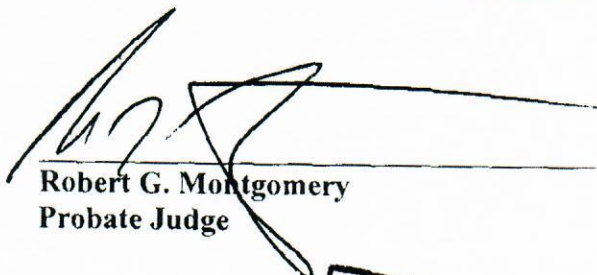
In keeping with the spirit of those orders, and with the goal of permitting the court to maintain its functions while allowing court personnel, counsel, and other members of the public to maintain appropriate physical distancing, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the provisions of Loc.R. 57.5 and Loc.R. 57.6 requiring original signatures on all filings be temporarily suspended.

For the duration of this order, the court shall accept filings which have been signed by electronic means, including but not limited to via email, fax, or scan. Attorneys of record shall be charged with ensuring that non-original signatures obtained pursuant to this order are correct and issued by the appropriate person.

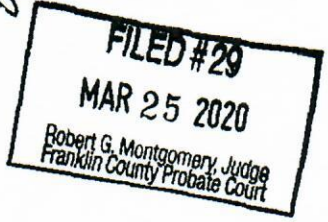
This order shall remain in effect only for the duration of the present COVID-19 pandemic.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: 3-25-20



Robert G. Montgomery
Probate Judge



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