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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** : **CASE NO. 603535**  
**AND COURT OPERATIONS** :

**JOURNAL ENTRY AND COURT ORDER TEMPORARILY ALLOWING  
PERSONAL APPEARANCES AND CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS VIA REMOTE VIDEO TECHNOLOGY**

After careful review and consideration of Governor DeWine's Executive Order 2020-01D declaring a state of emergency and the Ohio Department of Health's March 22, 2020 Director's Stay at Home Order, and in keeping with the guidelines and directives issued by the Supreme Court of Ohio regarding court operations during the present COVID-19 pandemic, the court will temporarily allow select hearings and transactions to take place via remote video technology.

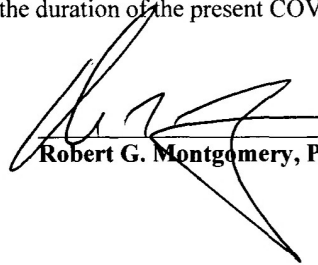
With the goal of permitting the court to maintain its functions while allowing court personnel, counsel, and members of the public to maintain appropriate physical distancing, it is hereby **ORDERED** that a party's remote video appearance to attend a hearing or complete a transaction is deemed a personal appearance, and satisfies a personal appearance requirement that is set forth in statute or court rule. It is further **ORDERED** that court personnel are authorized to accept credit card information from parties appearing via remote video technology, for the purpose of processing filings and completing the transactions that required the remote video appearance.

For purpose of example, but not to limit its application, this Order shall apply to marriage license applications made pursuant to R.C. 3101.05 and shall serve to allow applicants to personally appear and make payments via Zoom or other remote video technology.

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

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Date: 5-6-20

  
Robert G. Montgomery, Probate Judge

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