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

IN THE MATTER OF

AND COURT OPERATIONS

**COVID-19 Public Health Emergency** 

CASE No. 603535

JOURNAL ENTRY AND COURT ORDER REGARDING REMOTE HEARINGS

After careful review and consideration of Governor DeWine's Executive Order 2020-01D declaring a state of emergency, and in keeping with the guidelines and directives issued by the Supreme Court of Ohio regarding court operations during the pandemic, this court finds it appropriate to conduct the majority of its hearings through August 31, 2020, remotely.

Unless otherwise ordered, all non-confidential hearings scheduled to take place on or before August 31, 2020, shall be conducted via remote conferencing technology.

Hearings in name change cases shall take place via telephone conference, initiated by the court calling the participants' telephone numbers of record. Hearings in all other non-confidential matters shall take place via videoconference. The court will include notice of its current administrative procedures for videoconference hearings when it sends notice of videoconference hearing access information.

This order shall remain in effect through August 31, 2020. During the month of August, the court will review the public health circumstances to determine whether an extension of this order is appropriate.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: 6-25-20

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