

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, BLAIR COUNTY
24TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN RE: 24TH Judicial District
DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

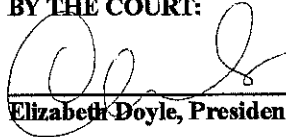
Supreme Court
No. 20 WM 2020

Blair County:
No. 2020 MD 0003

AND NOW, this 21st day of March, 2020, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Order dated March 16, 2020, and the individual Judicial Emergency declared by President Judge Elizabeth A. Doyle, the Court hereby **ORDERS, DIRECTS and DECREES** as follows:

1. The Blair County Court of Common Pleas, in light of the statewide Judicial Emergency and the fact there is already an efficient process in place with the public, law enforcement and the Blair County Magisterial District Judges, hereby deems itself unavailable for the filing of Protection from Abuse (PFA), Sexual Violence and Intimidation (PSVI) and Abuse of Elderly Petitions between the hours of 8:00 am and 2:30 pm.
2. All Emergency Protection Orders shall be handled by the on-call Magisterial District Judge through the use of Advanced Communication Technology (ACT), including video and/or telephone.
3. Said emergency petition shall be forwarded to the Protection From Abuse (PFA) Office at the Blair County Courthouse and the Petitioner shall be advised to contact the PFA by telephone no later than 11:00 am the next business day.
4. The application for the temporary protection order shall be handled by a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas through the use of Advanced Communication Technology (ACT), including video and/or telephone.
5. This administrative order shall be in effect immediately and shall continue in effect until April 14, 2020, or until further order of the Court.

BY THE COURT:



Elizabeth Doyle, President Judge