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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, and in accordance with the recent operational protocols issued by the Chief Administrative Judge for the trial courts of the Unified Court System and

WHEREAS, New York State and the nation are now in the midst of an unprecedented public health crisis surrounding the outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus); and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is known to be a highly infectious disease, and there is much community concern that large gatherings of people can result in greater public exposure to possible contagion or “community spread”; it is hereby

ORDERED that pursuant to Criminal Procedure Law § 190.15 the Term of any currently seated grand jury is continued until such date as a new grand jury in the county is authorized to be impaneled by the Chief Administrator of the Courts; and it is further

ORDERED that pursuant to Criminal Procedure Law § 190.20(6), and pursuant to the “good cause” provided by the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic, the court may transfer grand jurors from one panel to another.

Dated: November 24, 2020
Syracuse, New York

Hon. James P. Murphy
Administrative Judge
Fifth Judicial District

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