



**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
4JD-046-2020
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, in accordance with the recent operational protocols issued by the Chief Administrative Judge for the trial courts of the Unified Court System after consultation with the Chief Administrative Judge and the Deputy Chief Administrative Judge and in accordance with the Governor's Executive Orders, 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, a state of emergency was declared by the Governor of the State of New York on March 7, 2020, due to the public health threat posed by the rapid spread of the virus COVID-19 among the population of the State of New York; and

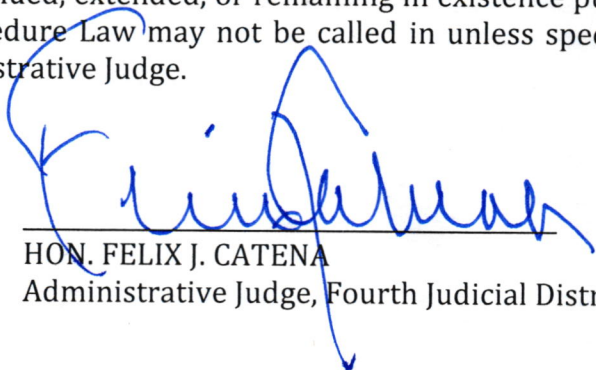
WHEREAS, COVID-19 is known to be a highly infectious disease, and there is much community concern that large gatherings of people can result in greater public exposure to possible contagion or "community spread"; and

WHEREAS, by Orders of the Deputy Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York, Hon. Vito C. Caruso, issued in accordance with the operation protocol to help impede the spread of coronavirus (AO/077/2020, AO/113/2020), the Grand Juries set to be impaneled within terms 4, 5, and 6 are postponed until further Order of the Court, and

WHEREAS, the Fourth Judicial District's Return to In-Person Operations Phase II Plan does not include impaneling new Grand Juries or presenting to extended or continued Grand Juries pursuant to Section 190.15 of the Criminal Procedure Law; it is hereby

ORDERED that any Grand Jury continued, extended, or remaining in existence pursuant to Section 190.15 of the Criminal Procedure Law may not be called in unless specifically approved and authorized by the Administrative Judge.

Dated: June 10, 2020



HON. FELIX J. CATENA
Administrative Judge, Fourth Judicial District

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