

Whereas, the President has declared a nationwide state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor has declared a state of emergency for Tennessee, and the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court has also declared a state of emergency for the Judicial Branch of Tennessee pursuant to Administrative Order ADM2020-00428;

Whereas, the Metropolitan General Sessions Court held a special business meeting on Friday, March 13, 2020 at 11am with its justice partners present to discuss the impact of this state of emergency;

It is, therefore, **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED**, **AND DECREED** that the Metropolitan General Sessions Court Judges have approved an abbreviated docket schedule in the interest of health and public safety. This schedule will operate from Monday, March 16-Thursday, April 9, 2020 with Friday, April 10th being a holiday.

The only dockets open will be the following:

- 1. Felony & Misdemeanor Jail Dockets
- 2. Domestic Violence Jail Dockets
- 3. Orders of Protection
- 4. Emergency Psychiatric Committal Docket

A determination will be made before April 9th whether to continue this abbreviated schedule.

Entered this 16th day of March, 2020.

Lynda Jones, Judge Presiding Judge, Metropolitan General Sessions Court