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**ORDER EXTENDING  
PRIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

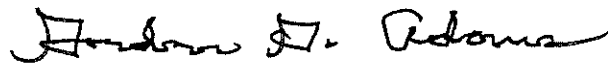
**IT IS ORDERED** that the prior Administrative Order dated March 16, 2020, which suspended all jury trials and which required the Courts of Bell County to provide only essential functions and hearings until April 10, 2020, is now extended and will expire on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED** that the Bell County District Courts, the Bell County Courts at Law, and the Bell County Justice of the Peace Courts will continue to provide essential functions and hearings only through May 8, 2020. This order of extension includes the continued suspension of all jury trials through May 8, 2020.

Examples of essential functions include criminal magistration proceedings, CPS removal hearings, temporary restraining orders/temporary injunctions, juvenile detention hearings and family violence protective orders.

This Order Extending Prior Administrative Order is promulgated based upon the prior orders of the Governor and other guidelines issued by the Office of Court Administration. This order of extension is pursuant to the inherent Powers of the Bell County District Courts and is promulgated to protect the parties, attorneys, staff and all others who come before the Courts of Bell County.

**SO ORDERED** this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020.



Local Administrative District Judge  
Judge, 169<sup>th</sup> District Court