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VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG

IN RE: ACTIONS RELATED TO ELECTIONS ON ELECTION DAY

ORDER

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3300, Election Day in November is now a legal holiday in the Commonwealth of Virginia;

WHEREAS, this Court will be closed to the general public on Election Day;

WHEREAS, the Court and the Clerk of Court shall be available on Election Day for the filing and the timely hearing of actions related to election matters;

NOW, THEREFORE, this Court hereby ORDERS:

1. The Office of the Clerk of the Lynchburg Circuit Court shall be available for the filing of actions related to election matters on Election Day from 6:00 a.m. until two (2) hours after the polls close, but only for the limited purpose of the filing of actions related to the election and setting expedited hearings as required by the Court or by law. Persons desiring to file actions related to the election on Election Day shall call the Clerk's office at (434) 455-2741 to arrange for the filing of the action.

2. The Court shall review the filing and be available for hearings and rulings on actions until two (2) hours after polls close. Hearings on Election Day may be conducted in person or remotely using Webex. For Webex hearings, the parties and any other interested persons, including but not limited to the media, shall provide the Clerk their e-mail addresses and the Court will e-mail them an invitation and instructions to join the Webex hearing. For in-person hearings, the courthouse will be open to the public for the hearing.

3. This Order shall remain in effect from November 3, 2020, and on each Election Day thereafter until revoked by law order of this Court.

The Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this Order to General registrar for the City of Lynchburg, the Virginia State Board of Elections, the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Lynchburg Commonwealth's Attorney, the Lynchburg Public Defender, and the Lynchburg Bar Association. On each Election Day, the Clerk shall post a copy of this Order at the courthouse entrances and on the Clerk's website.

Entered this 30th day of October, 2020.

F. Patrick Yeatts, Presiding Judge

J. Frederick Watson, Presiding Judge