

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. A-2024-24-A

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER CLOSING CERTAIN COURTS
IN RESPONSE TO TROPICAL STORM DEBBY
(amended to close courts in Lake County)**

WHEREAS, Hurricane Debby has made landfall on the west coast of Florida causing damage and significant flooding throughout the counties of the Fifth Judicial Circuit; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Florida has declared a state of emergency to include every county within the Fifth Judicial Circuit; and

WHEREAS, other public and private services will be closed in effected areas of the Fifth Judicial Circuit; and

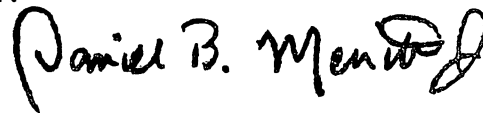
BASED UPON the recommendation and concurrence of the Administrative Judges of Citrus, Hernando, and Lake Counties, and the Fifth Judicial Circuit Emergency Response Team that the courts of Citrus, Hernando, and Lake Counties should be closed for court business Monday, August 5, 2024, until 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 6, 2024.

It is therefore,

ORDERED and ADJUDGED as follows:

1. The Courts in Citrus, Hernando, and Lake Counties are closed for court business Monday, August 5, 2024, until 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 6, 2024.
2. **Courts in Marion and Sumter Counties will be open and operating as normal.**
3. The intent of this Order is to have all courts of the Fifth Judicial Circuit to be operating normally at the start of court business on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, however, this is also with the understanding that further developments in the track and strength of the Storm, and the Storm's aftermath, may demand amendment.

DONE AND ORDERED in Brooksville, Hernando County,
Florida, this 5th day of August 2024.



Daniel B. Merritt, Jr.
Chief Judge
Fifth Judicial Circuit