## ORDER APPROVING REPEAL of OPERATIONAL PLAN IN PORTAGE COUNTY

Pursuant to the Wisconsin Supreme Order dated May 21, 2021, and at the request of the Hon. Thomas Eagon, Presiding Judge in Portage County, for the repeal of Portage County's May 5, 2021 Operational Plan as being in the best interest of the residents of Portage County, it is herby ordered that the Operational Plan, is repealed.

Effective this 26 day of May 2021.

Hon. Greg Huber)

Chief Judge, 9th Judicial District

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May 25, 2021

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It is in the interests of county residents for their court system to return to regular operations. We have made provisions for accommodating persons whose health status requires advanced protection and will permit the voluntary use of self-protection for everyone else. This in combination with the Supreme Court's action and the County's recognition that the judicial system has unique needs and abilities should amount to a sufficient showing of the requisite best interests of the judicial system and in the interests of residents of the county.

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