AMENDED ORDER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING IN-PERSON COURT PROCEEDINGS IN BROWN AND OUTAGAMIE COUNTIES

As a result of the explosive increase in positive COVID-19 tests and actual infections in Brown and Outagamie Counties, and in accordance with the advice of Dr. Ashok Rai, and in consultation with the Director of State Courts and the presiding judges in those counties, I am suspending all inperson court proceedings in Brown and Outagamie Counties from the close of court on September 29th through and including October 13th.

Remote proceedings are not affected by this Order and judges are authorized to conduct such proceedings from their courtrooms provided they make accommodations to employees who, for health reasons, need to appear remotely as well.

The purpose of this suspension of these activities is to substantially reduce the need for public gatherings of ten or more persons on a temporary basis. This Order is subject to further extension if conditions require it.

This order does not apply to constitutionally required in-person hearings, including jury trials in mental commitment and juvenile court matters, and to statutorily required jury trials with speedy trial demands or out-of-state detainers falling within the period of this order.

Dated this 29th day of September, 2020.

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Hon. James A. Morrison Chief Judge, Eighth Judicial District