

Supreme Court of Florida

No. AOSC18-47

IN RE: CLOSURE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA IN
PREPARATION FOR HURRICANE MICHAEL

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

WHEREAS in preparation for Hurricane Michael Governor Rick Scott issued Executive Orders 18-276 and 18-277 declaring a state of emergency in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Holmes, Washington, Bay, Jackson, Calhoun, Gulf, Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin, Leon, Wakulla, Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Hamilton, Suwannee, Lafayette, Dixie, Columbia, Gilchrist, Levy, Citrus, Baker, Union, Bradford, Alachua, Hernando, Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Manatee counties; and

WHEREAS in recognition of the imminent threat of unknown and potentially long-term damage to be inflicted by Hurricane Michael, it is the intent of this order to secure the safety of court users, staff, and judicial officers;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the administrative authority conferred by article V, section 2(a) of the Florida Constitution and Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.205(a)(2)(B)(iv);

IT IS ORDERED that:

The Supreme Court of Florida and the Office of the State Courts Administrator shall be closed on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, through Thursday, October 11, 2018.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, on October 8, 2018.

Char. T. Canady
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Chief Justice Charles T. Canady
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ATTEST:

[Signature]
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John A. Tomasino, Clerk of Court
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INSTRUCTIONS:
Request for an Administrative Order Extending Legal Time Limits

If a Florida state court has closed for any days or portions of days, the chief judge should request an order extending legal time limits once the court has officially reopened and the dates of closure thus are certain. For circuit courts, requests should be made on a county-by-county basis. The request must be authorized by the chief judge but may be submitted to the Florida Supreme Court by court staff who have been authorized by the chief judge to do so.

Each request must include the following information:

1. A request for issuance of an administrative order extending legal time limits;
2. The date(s) the court was closed, including all dates of partial closure; and
3. The date the court first reopened for a full work day.

Administrative orders extending legal time limits will be prepared by staff of the Florida Supreme Court, reviewed by a staff attorney for legal sufficiency, signed by the Chief Justice, and entered into the official records of the Court.

Requests should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Justice by email at (whited@flcourts.org), with a copy to the Clerk of Court by email at (tomasino@flcourts.org) and a copy to the Supreme Court Public Information Office by email at (watersc@flcourts.org). It is not necessary to also submit a hard copy.