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**STATE OF OHIO** **IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**

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**STARK COUNTY:** **MISCELLANEOUS JOURNAL ENTRY**

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**ORDER EXTENDING DEADLINES DURING CLERK OF COURTS' SHUTDOWN**

**NECESSARY FOR TRANSITION TO NEW CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND ELECTRONIC FILING**

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This matter comes before the Court in response to the emergency closure of the Office of the Stark Clerk of Courts from November 23, 2026, through December 7, 2026, reopening December 8, 2026, due to the Common Pleas Court-wide adoption of a new Case Management and Electronic Filing System.

The Court finds that the closure of the Clerk's Office will physically prevent parties from timely filing pleadings, motions, briefs, and other legal documents, and disrupt routine access to electronic and in-person filing.

Therefore, pursuant to the Court's inherent authority to administer justice, and in alignment with the principles set forth in Ohio Civil Rule 6(A), it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. TOLLING AND EXTENSION OF DEADLINES: Any pleading, motion, brief, or other document required to be filed in the Stark County Court of Common Pleas between November 23, 2026, and December 7, 2026, where the closure prevents such filing, is hereby granted an automatic extension of time.

2. NEW FILING DEADLINE: All such deadlines are extended to December 8, 2026, by the standard closing time of the Clerk's Office. Any document filed on or before this new date shall be deemed timely filed.

3. STATUTES OF LIMITATIONS: To the extent permitted by law and emergency judicial authority, any statutory time limits or statutes of limitations expiring between November 23, 2026,

and December 7, 2026, are tolled until the next business day the Clerk's Office is officially open to the public, December 8, 2026.

4. STATUTES OF REPOSE: To the extent permitted by law and emergency judicial authority, any statutory time limits or statutes of limitations expiring between November 23, 2026, and December 7, 2026, are tolled until the next business day the Clerk's Office is officially open to the public, December 8, 2026.

5. ELECTRONIC FILING: To the extent that the Court's current electronic filing system (Stark CJIS e-file) is inaccessible or nonoperational during this closure, filings that are missed due to system downtime are subject to the same extension.

6. PUBLIC NOTICE: The Clerk of Courts is directed to post a copy of this Order conspicuously at the courthouse entrance, on the Clerk of Courts' official website, and to distribute it to the local bar association.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Date: 11/4/26

Judge Chryssa Hartnett,
General Division Administrative Judge