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JUDICIAL DISTRICT 26
MECKLENBURG COUNTY

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SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

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MECKLENBURG CO., C.S.C.

IN RE: THE WEARING OF FACE
COVERINGS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

THIS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER is being entered to ensure the fair and proper administration of justice and to mitigate the disruption to the orderly operation of the Courts in the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District caused by COVID-19. The undersigned Senior Resident Superior Court Judge and Chief District Court Judge enters this Administrative Order pursuant to N.C.G.S. §7A-39 and the inherent authority of the court.

On July 16, 2020 Chief Justice Beasley entered an order pursuant to G.S. 7A-39(b)(2) declaring that catastrophic conditions exist in all North Carolina counties due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

The order stated that, “[a]ll persons who are in a court facility are required to wear a face covering while they are in common areas of the facility and when they are interacting with others. For purposes of this emergency directive, a “face covering” means a covering of the nose and mouth that is secured to the head with ties, straps, or loops over the ears or is simply wrapped around the lower face. This face-covering requirement does not apply to persons who cannot wear a face covering due to health or safety reasons, who are actively eating or drinking, who are communicating with someone who is hearing-impaired in a way that requires the mouth to be visible, who are temporarily removing their face covering to secure medical services or for identification purposes, or who are under eleven years of age.”

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED,

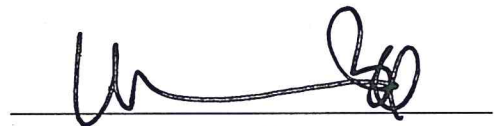
Beginning July 20, 2020 upon the opening of the Charlotte Mecklenburg County Courthouse all persons who are in a court facility are required to wear a face covering while they are in common areas of the facility and when they are interacting with others. For purposes of this emergency directive, a “face covering” means a covering of the nose and mouth that is secured to the head with ties, straps, or loops over the ears or is simply wrapped around the lower face. This face-covering requirement does not apply to persons who cannot wear a face covering

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This 10th day of July 2020.



The Honorable Elizabeth T. Trosch
Chief District Court Judge



The Honorable W. Robert Bell
Senior Resident Superior Court Judge