



- 6) As has been the case throughout this Pandemic crisis, this court is faced with making unprecedented decisions concerning the closure of courthouse facilities, which are generally required by law to be open to the public. Such decisions necessarily include a balancing of the imperative and absolute necessity of protecting the public from the possibility of infection, while at the same time protecting the constitutional rights of those having pending civil and criminal proceedings that need to be addressed in a timely manner.

Therefore, based upon the foregoing, it is **HEREBY ORDERED**:

1. The Forsyth County Hall of Justice Shall be closed on Friday, April 24, 2020. The closure shall remain in effect to the public until Monday, May 4, 2020.
2. The Forsyth County Hall of Justice shall re-open for employees on Friday, May 1, 2020.
3. All Courts scheduled shall be cancelled unless otherwise notified.
4. Upon the re-opening at the Forsyth County Hall of Justice it is mandated that no employee return to work if experiencing any symptoms of the CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19).

This the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Todd Burke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

L. Todd Burke  
Senior Resident Superior Court Judge