STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK JUDICIAL DISTRICT 13B

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

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IN RE: 2020 GRAND JURY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

This matter is before the Court pursuant to G.S. 15A-622 which requires that an existing grand juror serve until the "first session of court at which criminal cases are heard held in the county after the following January 1, and thereafter until their replacements are selected and sworn."

Each year our grand jury operates on a twelve (12) month rotation with nine (9) jurors commencing service in January and nine (9) jurors commencing service in July. Some juror rotations are scheduled to expire July 1, 2020. Due to the March 13, 2020 Order from the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, the Judicial Branch put in place measures to minimize the spread of COVID-19. Therefore, the selection of new grand jurors will be delayed until September 8, 2020.

The Court finds that a delay is necessary to properly summons, organize and empanel a new grand jury. No prejudice will result to the State, to any citizen or to any defendant as a result of such delay.

The undersigned Senior Resident Superior Court Judge hereby exercises his inherent authority in the interest of the proper administration of justice and directs the following:

- 1. That the existing Brunswick County grand jurors whose term is scheduled to expire July 1, 2020 shall hold over and remain available for service if necessary and properly summoned; and,
- 2. Citizens of Brunswick County shall be duly summoned for potential service as grand jurors or as trial jurors for the criminal and civil sessions of the Brunswick County Superior Court commencing on September 8, 2020, from which the new grand jurors will be selected and sworn.

So ordered this the // day of May, 2020.

Senior Resident Superior Court Judge