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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER- REOPENING COURTS

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia issued an Administrative Order entered on May 6, 2020 which adopted a COVID-19 Resumption of Operations Protocol for the judicial system throughout the State of West Virginia,

WHEREAS, this Court entered an Order on July 31, 2020, closing portions of the court system in Boone County, West Virginia due to a COVID-19 exposure. Subsequent to that order, on August 4, 2020, the Boone County Commission closed the Boone County Courthouse to the public due to the COVID-19 outbreak. This Court then entered another Order on August 7, 2020, modifying and extending the July 31st, 2020 Order. On today's date, this Court consulted with the Boone County Commission, The Boone County Health Department and the Boone County Emergency Management Services.

WHEREAS, this Court, due to the recent decline in both new and active cases of COVID-19 in Boone County, West Virginia does hereby ORDER all courts in Boone County to be open as of August 24, 2020 at 8:30 a.m., with the Family and Magistrate Courts of Boone County being responsible for scheduling of their docket. This Court further notes, that due to time and scheduling constraints in Circuit Court, all Circuit Court

hearings that are scheduled for the week beginning August 24, 2020, will remain by video or teleconference

The Clerk is directed to send a certified copy of this Order to the Boone County Prosecutor, the 25th Judicial Circuit Public Defender, and all other counsel who have offices in Boone County, West Virginia. The Clerk is also directed to post a copy of this Order on the door to their office and on all entry doors to the Boone County Courthouse. Copies of this order should also be made available to any person who requests a copy of the same.

/s/ William S. Thompson
Circuit Court Judge
25th Judicial Circuit

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