IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND Administrative Order on Closing Due to the National Day of Mourning

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2018, the President of the United States proclaimed December 5, 2018, to be a National Day of Mourning in remembrance of President George H.W. Bush and, further, issued an Executive Order on Providing for the Closing of Executive Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government on December 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Maryland has since declared that all state government agencies and offices will be closed on December 5, 2018, to honor President George H.W. Bush; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Maryland Constitution, Article IV § 18, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals is granted administrative powers, including the closing of courts in the State of Maryland and non-court judicial facilities,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mary Ellen Barbera, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and administrative head of the Judicial Branch, pursuant to the authority conferred by Article IV, § 18 of the Maryland Constitution, do this 3rd day of December 2018, order as follows:

(a) All courts in the Maryland Judiciary, court offices, and administrative offices shall be closed on an emergency basis on Wednesday, December 5, 2018, consistent with the decisions to close the federal executive departments and agencies and Maryland executive offices and agencies; and

(b) Normal operating hours will resume on Thursday, December 6, 2018.

<u>/s/ Mary Ellen Barbera</u> Chief Judge Court of Appeals of Maryland

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<u>/s/ Suzanne C. Johnson</u> Acting Clerk Court of Appeals of Maryland