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IN RE: EXTENDING THE	*	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
GRAND JURY CURRENTLY	*	
CONVENED DURING	*	FOR WORCESTER COUNTY
COVID-19 PANDEMIC	*	
ORDER # 2020-3 – GRAND JURY	*	STATE OF MARYLAND
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF COURT

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Maryland has declared a state of emergency in response to the spread of the coronavirus known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other public health authorities have advised taking precautions to reduce the possibility of exposure to the virus and slow the spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the Court of Appeals of Maryland has issued emergency orders related to the administration of justice during the state of disaster, including ordering all Maryland courts or other judicial facilities to modify or suspend court operations or judicial functions.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 emergency has continued, with public health strategies appearing to have been effective in reducing the transmission rate in Maryland such restrictions gradually having been lessened, the resumption of certain judicial functions is possible, with the implementation of safeguards as advised by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Maryland Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, this Court has determined that the goals and efforts referenced above will be furthered by extending the term of the current grand jury; the extension will delay the empaneling of a new grand jury until after the Court is fully re-opened.

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NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority granted under the various Court of Appeals Orders and pursuant to the Court of Appeals of Maryland *Administrative Order Lifting the Statewide Suspension of Jury Trials and Resuming Grand Juries* filed on May 22, 2020, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the current Worcester County Grand Jury Term scheduled to end on August 25, 2020 is hereby extended until January 26, 2021.

Signed this 3 day of June, 2020.

BRIAN D. SHOCKLEY  
Administrative Judge, Worcester County

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filed and forthwith recorded in Court Proceedings  
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