

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PASCO AND PINELLAS COUNTIES, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2022-042 PI-CIR

RE: HURRICANE IAN – EMERGENCY EXTENSION OF RISK PROTECTION ORDERS – PINELLAS COUNTY

Due to Hurricane Ian, Pasco and Pinellas Counties have been subjected to storm winds and heavy rain. Pursuant to Administrative Order 2015-017, courts in Pinellas Counties will be closed on Friday September 30, 2022.

Section 790.401, Florida Statutes, known as the Risk Protection Order Act, creates an action known as a petition for a risk protection order to prevent persons who are at high risk of harming themselves or others from accessing firearms or ammunition. The Risk Protection Order Act provides that an adversary final hearing must be held within 14 days of a petition for risk protection order, whether or not an ex parte temporary risk protection orders is issued.

Due to Hurricane Ian, final hearings on petitions for risk protection orders were not be able to be conducted within the established timeframes. In order to continue to provide the protections afforded under the Risk Protection Act and to maintain the status quo during the period that Pasco and Pinellas Counties were threatened by the hurricane, and

In accordance with Article V, section 7, Florida Constitution, Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215, and section 43.26, Florida Statutes:

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Court finds that the effects of Hurricane Ian constitute good cause for extending a temporary risk protection order. The temporary risk protection order in cases in Pinellas County, listed in Appendix A of this Order, are hereby extended until Tuesday, October 4, 2022. **If you are a respondent listed in Appendix A with a temporary risk protection order entered against you, the risk protection order against you is extended until Tuesday, October 4, 2022.**

All terms and conditions of such existing orders remain in full force and effect. The extension of the temporary risk protection order is enforceable in the same manner as the temporary risk protection order.

2. The Clerk of the Court for Pinellas Counties are directed to file this Administrative Order in each case listed in Appendix A. The Clerk are further directed to provide notice of such order to the Sheriff as if an individual order had been entered in each of the cases in the Appendices.

3. The Clerk shall provide notice of this Administrative Order to all petitioners in cases in the Appendices.

4. The Sheriff of Pinellas County shall serve this notice on all respondents listed in Appendix. If the respondent has not been previously served, this notice shall be served together with the

Temporary Risk Protection Order and Notice of Hearing or the Order Setting Hearing. If the respondent has been previously served, only this notice needs to be served.

5. The Sheriff is directed to take the same steps required as if an individual order had been entered in each of the cases in the Appendices.

6. All respondents who were served with the temporary risk protection order and notice of a hearing for Friday, September 30, 2022 is rescheduled to Tuesday, October 6, 2022, and will receive new notices for hearings as soon as possible. **Respondents and Petitioners in Appendix A must report to the County Justice Center, 14250 49th Street North, Clearwater, FL 33762.**

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida, this _____ day of September 2022.

ORIGINAL SIGNED ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2022
BY ANTHONY RONDOLINO, CHIEF JUDGE

cc: All Judges
The Honorable Bruce Barnett, State Attorney
The Honorable Sarah Mollo, Public Defender
The Honorable Nikki Alvarez-Sowles, Clerk of Court, Pasco County
The Honorable Ken Burk, Clerk of the Court, Pinellas County
The Honorable Chris Nocco, Sheriff, Pasco County
The Honorable Bob Gualtieri, Sheriff, Pinellas County
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Celeste Fernandez, Community Development Administrator, Department of Children and Families
Law Enforcement Agencies, Pasco and Pinellas Counties
Salvation Army
C.A.S.A.
The Haven, Domestic Violence Center
Bar Associations, Pasco and Pinellas Counties
Law Libraries, Pasco and Pinellas Counties