

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

IN THE FAMILY COURT)

FOR THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT)

COUNTY OF AIKEN)

IN RE: SUSPENSION OF ARRESTS)
OF UNEXECUTED FAMILY COURT)
ISSUED BENCH WARRANTS FOR)
NON-PAYMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT)
AND ALIMONY)

ORDER)

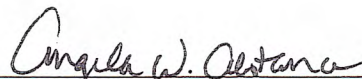
WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina and the United States are confronting an unprecedented and evolving public health threat presented by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) which places at risk the health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Honorable Henry McMaster, Governor of the State of South Carolina, issued Executive Order No. 2020-08 declaring a State of Emergency based on a determination that COVID-19 poses an imminent public health emergency for the State of South Carolina; and on April 6, 2020, Governor McMaster issued Executive Order No. 2020-21 recognizing the State of South Carolina must take extraordinary measures to mitigate the harm posed by COVID-19 and therein ordered residents to limit movements outside their homes to limit social interaction and to practice social distancing to limit the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that the arrest and incarceration of individuals who had been traveling freely throughout the State and who may be carriers of COVID-19 poses an unprecedented risk to other incarcerated inmates, detention center staff, and law enforcement; and

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that any and all unexecuted bench warrants issued by the Aiken County Family Court for the non-payment of child support and alimony shall not be executed and no person subject to such bench warrants shall be arrested for the bench warrant, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this order.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.



Angela W. Abstance
Chief Administrative Judge
Second Judicial Circuit

Aiken, South Carolina

April 9, 2020