

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN RE:) ADMIN ORDER. No. 2020-0022
EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY)
CLOSURE OF R.H. AMPHLETT)
LEADER JUSTICE CENTER.)
_____)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court due to the certification of the Administrator of Courts that the Judicial Branch's facility at the R.H. Amphlett Leader Justice Center on St. Croix remains unable to operate in a manner consistent with the COVID-19 protocols adopted by the Judicial Branch Administrative Office. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that the Judicial Branch facility at the R.H. Amphlett Leader Justice Center **SHALL REMAIN CLOSED through 11:59 P.M. on Sunday, December 20, 2020.** All other Judicial Branch facilities shall remain open. Previously scheduled hearings, including advice of rights, shall be conducted remotely in both judicial districts, and the Administrator of Courts and the Clerk of the Superior Court will continue to assign personnel to facilitate remote operations in both districts. Attorneys and litigants are advised that filings shall continue to be accepted electronically as well as through a drop-box. It is further

ORDERED that the public and court staff are **ADVISED** that, if necessary, the closure of the R.H. Amphlett Leader Justice Center may be further extended if the facility remains unable to operate in a manner consistent with COVID-19 protocols by Monday, December 21, 2020. It is further

ORDERED that copies of this order be directed to the appropriate parties.

SO ORDERED this 14th day of December, 2020.

/s/ Rhys S. Hodge

RHYS S. HODGE

Chief Justice

ATTEST:

VERONICA J. HANDY, ESQ.
Clerk of the Court

By: /s/Veronica J. Handy

Dated: December 14, 2020

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