

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FLORIDA, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR VOLUSIA COUNTY**

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**RE: Suspension of Court Operations at the Volusia County  
Courthouse Annex in New Smyrna Beach**

**REF: Z-2017-122**

**WHEREAS**, the Volusia County Courthouse Annex in New Smyrna Beach (124 Riverside Drive) is the oldest (built in 1964) and smallest (8,750 square feet) facility being used for the provision of court services on a regular basis, and

**WHEREAS**, the inadequacies of the facility have been well documented and have led to the steady relocation of judges and associated court dockets to other facilities over the years to the point that since 2011 it has housed a singular county court judge assigned to a civil docket, and

**WHEREAS**, due to a steady and consistent decline in the number of case filings associated with individuals/properties in southeast Volusia, the Court has had to populate the New Smyrna dockets with cases originating from other parts of the County, primarily Deltona, and

**WHEREAS**, the Court's allocation of resources are limited and finite, and an inequity exists in the allocation of cases among the several divisions in the County Court, and

**WHEREAS**, with the advent of electronic filing and other electronic process it has become increasingly difficult to justify the dedication of resources necessary to keep a "regional" facility operational;

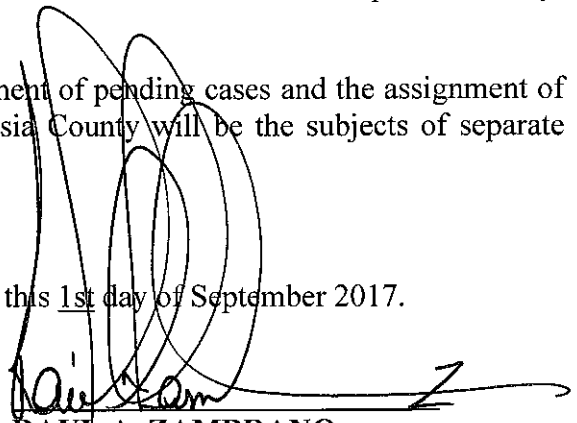
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAUL A. ZAMBRANO**, Chief Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, hereby order that effective at 5:00 pm on Friday, December 22, 2017, the Seventh Judicial Circuit Court will suspend court operations at the Volusia County Courthouse Annex in New Smyrna Beach.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Volusia County Clerk of Court and the Volusia County Sheriff are likewise relieved of their respective responsibilities associated with providing court support at the Volusia County Courthouse Annex in New Smyrna Beach effective at 5:00 pm on Friday, December 22, 2017.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the reapportionment of pending cases and the assignment of future cases to court divisions located elsewhere in Volusia County will be the subjects of separate administrative orders.

**TO BE RECORDED** in Volusia County.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in DeLand, Volusia County, FL this 1st day of September 2017.

  
**RAUL A. ZAMBRANO**  
**CHIEF JUDGE**