SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE SMALL CLAIMS COURT

RE: Continued suspension of Small Claims Court operations due to COVID-19

ORDER OF: Associate Chief Justice Frank Marrocco

<u>ORDER</u>

[1] An earlier Notice to the Profession and the Public suspended until further notice, the Small Claims Court's operations, except for urgent motions and certain other hearings.

[2] By order dated July 10, 2020, the Court further adjourned all Small Claims Court proceedings that

(a) were, as of March 13, 2020, scheduled for a hearing between March 16, 2020 through October 30, 2020, and

(b) are not assigned a new date between March 16, 2020 and October 30, 2020,

to November 2, 2020, or to such other date as determined by the Court.

[3] I now make the following order:

All Small Claims Court proceedings that:

- (a) were, as of March 13, 2020, scheduled for a hearing between March 16, 2020, through December 31, 2020, and
- (b) are not assigned a new date between March 16, 2020, and December 31, 2020, are adjourned to January 4, 2021, or to such other date as determined by the Court.

[4] I direct the administrative staff for the Superior Court, Small Claims Court to record this order on every Small Claims Court proceeding that was, as of March 13, 2020, scheduled between March 16, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

[5] Any Small Claims Court proceedings filed since March 16, 2020, and not yet provided a court date shall, unless assigned a date between March 16, 2020 and December 31, 2020, be adjourned to January 4, 2021 or such other date as determined by the Court.

[6] Attendance in court on January 4, 2021 by any party to a Small Claims Court action **is not required**. The court will notify you on or after January 4, 2021 advising you of the next hearing date for your proceeding.