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**TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT** **No.**_____
**NATCHITOCHES PARISH, LOUISIANA**

**ORDER OF CLOSURE FOR THE OFFICES OF THE COURT AND CLERK OF COURT: SUB-FREEZING WEATHER**
Lala B. Sylvester, Chief Judge

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**THIS MATTER COMES** before this Honorable Court on its own motion pursuant to the Court's inherent authority to manage its operations and ensure the safety of court personnel, litigants, attorneys, and the public;

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service forecasts continued sub-freezing temperatures and icy conditions in Natchitoches Parish on Monday, January 26, 2026, and Tuesday, January 27, 2026;

**WHEREAS**, these hazardous weather conditions create unsafe travel conditions and pose a risk to all persons who would otherwise be required to attend court proceedings or conduct court business;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

**1.** The Office of the Clerk of Court and all divisions of the Tenth Judicial District Court for the Parish of Natchitoches shall be **CLOSED** on Monday and Tuesday, January 26 and 27, 2026;
**2.** All court proceedings scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, January 26 and 27, 2026, are continued to a date to be reset by the Court;
**3.** Any filing deadline, prescriptive period, or other time-sensitive matter that would otherwise fall due on Monday or Tuesday, January 26 or 27, 2026, is hereby extended to Wednesday, January 28, 2026;
**4.** The office of the Clerk of Court and all divisions of the 10th Judicial District Court shall reopen for regular business on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 8:30 a.m., unless further closures are deemed necessary due to continuing inclement weather;
**5.** The Clerk of Court shall notify the Louisiana Supreme Court of this Order in accordance with applicable rules;
**6.** The Clerk of Court shall post copies of this Order conspicuously on the front doors of the courthouse, at the Office of the Clerk of Court, and on the official websites and social media accounts for the Natchitoches Parish Clerk and for the 10th Judicial District Court;
**7.** The Clerk of Court shall attach a copy of this Order to all filings submitted on Monday and Tuesday, January 26 and 27, 2026.

**THUS DONE AND SIGNED** in Chambers in the City and Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana on this, the 22nd day of January, 2026, at 1:52 o'clock p .m.

Lala B. Sylvester
**HON. LALA B. SYLVESTER**
**CHIEF JUDGE**