SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, a national emergency has been declared and the Governor of New Jersey has declared a State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency and has recommended the cancellation of mass gatherings throughout the State in response to the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Health ("NJ DOH"), Centers for Disease Control ("CDC"), and other public health authorities have advised public and private agencies to promptly take necessary precautions to reduce exposure to and transmission of COVID-19 and slow the spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, grand jury selection frequently involves large jury venire pools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey schools and daycare centers will be closed effective March 18, 2020, which will reduce the number of citizens available for grand jury based on N.J.S.A. 2B:20-10 ("Grounds for Excuse from Jury Service"); and

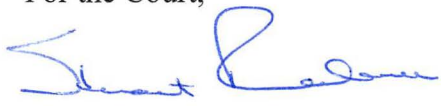
WHEREAS, current guidance from the NJ DOH and CDC will further limit the population of available jurors for reasons including recent travel;

It is ORDERED that effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020 through Friday, March 27, 2020:

(1) All grand jury empanelment dates, including for State Grand Jury, are postponed, and new notices will be issued rescheduling grand jury selection for a date after March 27, 2020; and

(2) All current grand jury sessions, including for State Grand Jury, are cancelled.

For the Court,



Chief Justice

Dated: March 17, 2020