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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

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WILLIAM T. WALSH
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IN RE: ADDITIONAL MEASURES DUE
TO THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES
CREATED BY COVID-19

Standing Order 20-03

In light of the circumstances identified in this Court's Standing Order 20-02, including the anticipated difficulties in obtaining grand jury quorums throughout the District as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in light of expected delays in scheduling change-of-plea hearings throughout the District as a result of that pandemic:

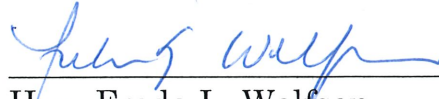
1. The Court finds the ends of justice served by granting a continuance of the 30-day period established by 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b), during which, in a case commenced by complaint, the United States must either obtain an indictment or file an information, outweigh the best interest of the public and each defendant in a speedy trial and a speedy indictment in a criminal case. Therefore, absent further order of the Court and notwithstanding Paragraph 12 of Standing Order 20-02, the time period of March 16, 2020 through April 30, 2020 shall be "excluded time" in *all* criminal proceedings in this District under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), including those proceedings commenced by complaint.

2. The continuance granted pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Order shall also apply to any time limits established by the Interstate Agreement on Detainers, 18 U.S.C. app. 2, § 2 (art. III).

3. Furthermore, requirements in Criminal Matters to provide to the Court courtesy copies of electronic filings are **SUSPENDED** in all cases for the duration of this Order. However, the requirement to submit courtesy copies in Civil Matters shall be left to the discretion of individual judges who have expressed a preference for courtesy copies.

4. This Standing Order will expire no later than April 30, 2020, unless extended by further Court order.

DATED: March 16, 2020



Hon. Freda L. Wolfson,
U.S. Chief District Judge
District of New Jersey