STANDING ORDER REGARDING PARENT-CHILD VISITATION AND OTHER FACE TO FACE VISITS IN ALL CHILD PROTECTION CASES IN THE FAMILY DISTRICT COURTS OF TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS there continues to be a rising number of presumptive positive COVID-19 cases reported by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and Texas Governor Abbott along with the DSHS Commissioner have declared a public health disaster that prohibits social gatherings of more than 10 people. The 325th District Court of Tarrant County finds that the following orders are in the best interest of the children currently in the Temporary Managing Conservatorship of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services served by the following Family District Courts of Tarrant County: 231st District Court, 233rd District Court, 322nd District Court, 324th District Court, 325th District Court

- 1. All previously ordered parent-child visitations, sibling visitations, Attorney ad Litem and/or Guardian Ad Litem visits, DFPS visits and Our Community- Our Kids (OC-OK) visits scheduled between March 25, 2020 and May 3, 2020 are HEREBY ORDERED SUSPENDED in an effort to contain the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and in an attempt to protect all parties.
- 2. The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, OC-OK, Attorney Ad Litems, and Guardian Ad Litems are HEREBY ORDERED to make arrangements for telephonic, Skype, or FaceTime communications in place of any in-person visitation between March 25, 2020 and May 3, 2020, including providing parents who have no ability to participate in electronic visits using their own phones and/or computers a location to use the phones and/or computers provided by OC-OK.

3. This ORDER shall apply to children who are in relative or fictive kin placements as well.

3.25.2020

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Hon. Jesus Nevarez

Judge, 231sts District Court

Hon. Jerome Hennigan

Judge, 324th District Court

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Hon. Judith G. Wells

Judge, 325th District Court

Hon. James Munford Judge, 322nd District Court