

IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

TO THE SHERIFF OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND:

WHEREAS, Governor Lawrence Hogan has issued a "Proclamation and Declaration of State of Emergency and Existence of Catastrophic Health Emergency - COVID – 19";

WHEREAS, The World Health Organization ("WHO") and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") have declared the COVID-19 outbreak a "public health emergency of international concern";

WHEREAS, The Court finds that the Governor's Proclamation and the declarations of the WHO and the CDC, combined with the extraordinary public health emergency presented satisfies the certification requirements of Maryland Real Property Code Ann, Section 8-401(c)(4);

WHEREAS, the Court finds that light of the Governor's Proclamation and the declarations by WHO and the CDC surrender of any premises will endanger the health or life of the tenant or any other occupant of any premises and will be inconsistent with the above-identified actions and public safety protocols arising therefrom;

WHEREAS, the global pandemic COVID-19 poses an imminent risk to the health, safety, and welfare of St. Mary's County residents.

It is hereby **ORDERED** this 13th day of March 2020 that **all eviction orders in St. Mary's County are STAYED for an initial period of 15 days, and subject to renewal in 15-day increments, until further notice from this Court.**



Christy Holt Chesser
Administrative Judge