

STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT : COUNTY OF NIAGARA

IN THE MATTER OF
THE CONTINUATION OF A SITTING GRAND
JURY IN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA
COMPOSED OF JURORS IMPANELED ON
MARCH 4, 2020, UNTIL THE OPENING
DATE OF THE NEXT TERM FOR WHICH A
GRAND JURY WILL BE DESIGNATED

AMENDED ORDER

UPON THE APPLICATION of Caroline Wojtaszek, District Attorney of Niagara County, dated March 20, 2020, and

WHEREAS a Grand Jury was previously impaneled by this Court on March 4, 2020, and

WHEREAS a state of emergency was declared by the Governor of the State of New York on March 7, 2020, due to the public health threat posed by the rapid spread of the Coronavirus among the population of the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, by direction of the Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York, due to the health crisis and consequent state of emergency, no new grand jurors may be called to serve on grand juries as of March 23, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Chief Administrator of the Courts issued an order dated March 21, 2020, which suspended the impaneling of the grand juries for Term 4 and Term 5, and

WHEREAS Section 190.15 of the Criminal Procedure Law provides that a grand jury continues in existence until and including the opening date of the next term of such court for which a grand jury has been designated, it is hereby

ORDERED that a grand jury composed of currently sitting grand jurors will continue to sit in a single grand jury up to and until a new grand jury is impaneled in the County of Niagara, and it is further

ORDERED that the People be permitted to open and conclude new Grand Jury investigations before this grand jury and to issue grand jury subpoenas returnable to this Grand Jury.

ORDERED that this Grand Jury may not be called in unless specifically approved and authorized by the Administrative Judge.

This constitutes the Order of the Court.

Dated: April 29, 2020
Buffalo, New York



Hon. Paula L. Feroletto
Administrative Judge, Eighth Judicial District