

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR AMHERST COIUNTY

**IN RE: ORDER RESUMING JURY TRIALS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
AMHERST COUNTY AS OF MAY 16, 2021**

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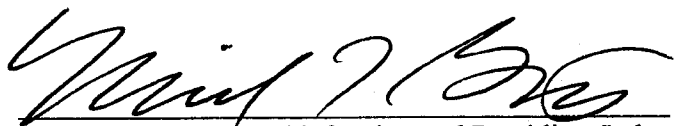
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NOW, THEREFORE, this Court hereby ORDERS:

1. Jury trials in the Amherst Circuit Court may resume on or after May 16, 2021.
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The Clerk is directed to provide copies of this Order to the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Amherst Commonwealth's Attorney, and the Lynchburg Bar Association and post this order on the Amherst County Circuit Court website and the Amherst County website .

Entered this 15th day of May, 2021


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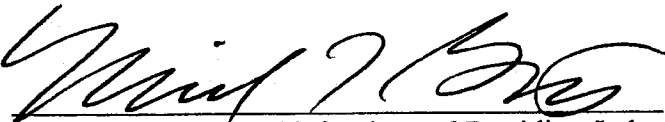
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