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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**JULIE A. RICHARDS, CLERK  
US DISTRICT COURT, EDNC  
BY Julie A. Richards DEP CLK**

**ORDER**

**IN RE: OPERATION OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT AND THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE ABSENCE OF AN APPROPRIATION OR CONTINUING RESOLUTION ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT.**

If the United States Congress does not pass and the President does not sign an appropriation or continuing resolution funding the operations of the United States Courts by October 15, 2013, then this Order shall take effect until superseded by such appropriation or continuing resolution.

1. Article III of the Constitution recognizes that the judicial power of the United States is vested in the Supreme Court and such inferior federal courts as Congress ordains and establishes. Such federal judicial power is essential to the United States. Accordingly, all employees of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and all of their ancillary units including, but not limited to, the Clerk's Office, the Probation Office, Court Reporters, and the District Executive's Office, are hereby deemed to be essential as part of or essential support for the exercise of Article III judicial power.

2. All employees of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and all ancillary units are ordered to report to work for their regularly scheduled hours and to continue all normal operations of the Court, except as set forth below.

3. Travel, except as approved by the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, shall be avoided. All training activity shall be suspended.

4. No new personnel shall be hired, and no new expenditures of funds shall be made without the consent of the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

5. The General Services Administration, the Federal Protective Service, and the United States Marshals Service are requested to maintain all functions necessary for the continued safe use of all United States District Court facilities and United States Bankruptcy Court facilities in the Eastern District of North Carolina.

SO ORDERED. This 7 day of October 2013.

  
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JAMES C. DEVER III  
Chief United States District Judge