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IN THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE/DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE APR 1.7 2020 (PROBATE DIVISION)

IN RE:) By Nolec Dep
COVID-19 PANDEMIC)) blanket order no. <u>20</u> PJ
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ORDER AUTHORIZING INVENTORIES AND ACCOUNTINGS TO BE SIGNED UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF THE SUPREME COURT ORDER CONTINUING SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON PROCEEDINGS AND EXTENSION OF DEADLINES

In accordance with Tennessee Statutory Law, personal representatives of an estate shall file inventories and accountings that are "verified by the oath of the personal representative before the clerk or any person authorized by law to administer oaths" and conservators and guardians shall file sworn inventories and accountings with the court. (*See* Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 30-2-301(a); 30-2-601(a)(2); 34-1-110(a); and 34-1-111). Pursuant to the March 25, 2020 Order issued by the Supreme Court of Tennessee, "with regards to court filings, declarations under penalty of perjury may be used as an alternative to a notary."

Accordingly, for inventories and accountings <u>filed while</u> the Tennessee Supreme Court Order is in effect, this Court hereby issues this blanket order authorizing inventories and accountings statutorily required to be verified and sworn to in front of a notary or clerk be accepted if signed under penalty of perjury. The Court will accept the following language after the oath and affirmations on all inventories and accountings:

Pursuant to the Tennessee Supreme Court Order, I hereby certify under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

This blanket order shall remain in effect until the expiration of the Tennessee Supreme Court Order. Upon the expiration of the Tennessee Supreme Court Order, this blanket order shall expire and **all inventories and accountings <u>filed after</u> the date the Tennessee Supreme Court Order expires** shall be verified and sworn to in front of a notary or clerk as required by Tennessee Statutory Law.

It is **SO ORDERED.**

Entered this the <u></u> day of April, 2020.

Judge Randy Kennedy