ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER GOVERNING VIOLATIONS FOR FAILURE TO WEAR A BICYCLE HELMET

WHEREAS, in the interest of safety, all bicycle riders or passengers under sixteen (16) years of age must wear a bicycle helmet; and

WHEREAS, according to Section 316.2065, Florida Statutes, a person under age sixteen (16) who does not wear a helmet may be issued a citation and assessed a fine;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Belvin Perry, Jr., pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida and Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.050, do hereby order the following:

- 1. A bicycle rider or passenger under sixteen (16) years of age who does not wear a bicycle helmet that is properly fitted and is fastened securely upon his or her head by a strap, and that meets the standards for bicycle helmets adopted by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, may be issued a citation and assessed a fine for a pedestrian violation.
- 2. If the charge against the bicycle rider or passenger is a first violation, the Clerk may dismiss the charge subsequent to the date of the violation upon proof of purchase of a bicycle helmet that complies with the requirement of Section 316.2065, Florida Statutes.
 - 3. This Administrative Order shall become effective immediately.