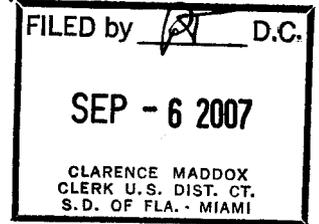


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2007- 44

**IN RE: EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF COURTHOUSE**

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In the event of hazardous weather conditions, including hurricanes and tropical storms, the Court hereby changes the previous uniform policy of closure of courthouses.

**IT IS ORDERED** that as of the date of this order, in the event of hazardous weather that causes the local public schools within a particular county to close, the Federal Courthouses in that county will also close. Thus, if Miami-Dade County public schools close, so will the Miami Federal Courthouses. If Broward County public schools close, so will the Broward Federal Courthouse. If Palm Beach County public schools close, so will the West Palm Beach Federal Courthouse. If St. Lucie County public schools close, so will the Ft. Pierce Federal Courthouse. If Monroe County public schools close, so will the Key West Federal Courthouse.

The clarity of this policy, the ease of obtaining the information on school closings, the Court's desire to have a family friendly environment, outweigh any detriment at not having a uniform district wide policy. This Order will supersede any prior orders on policy statements regarding closures or early dismissal. However, in the event an emergency,

whether related to weather or other causes such as fire, civil unrest, etc., the Chief Judge retains the discretion to close the Courthouses irrespective of any decision by the public school.

**DONE and ORDERED** in Chambers at Miami, Dade County, Florida this 5<sup>th</sup>  
day of September, 2007.

  
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FEDERICO A. MORENO  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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