IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 16TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR MONROE COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 5.041

IN RE:

APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL MAGISTRATE FOR FAMILY COURT PROCEEDINGS

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure Section 12.490, judges of the Circuit Court may appoint general magistrates from among members of the Florida Bar in the circuit as the judges find necessary; and

WHEREAS, prompt and efficient administration of justice requires that the services of general magistrates be available to the circuit judges handling Family Court matters; and

WHEREAS, referral of Family Court matters to general magistrates is intended to reduce the cost of litigation and to minimize delay; and

WHEREAS, Florida Rule of General Practice & Judicial Administration 2.250 establishes a presumptively reasonable time of 6 months to resolve contested family law cases; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority vested in the Chief Judge by Florida Rule of General Practice & Judicial Administration 2.215(b);

It is therefore, ORDERED, that:

- 1. Sandra Taylor is hereby appointed to serve as a General Magistrate in the 16th Judicial Circuit.
- 2. All referrals to the General Magistrate are made pursuant to an Order of Referral for the management of family law cases.
- 3. The general powers and duties of a General Magistrate and the conduct of hearings are as set forth in Florida Family Rules of Procedure sections 12.490 (c) and (d).

Administrative Order 5.017/10-1, *Appointment of Special Magistrates in Family Court Proceedings*, is rescinded upon execution below.

DONE AND ORDERED at Key West, Monroe County, Florida, this day of June 2022.

Bonnie J. Helms