IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS

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PLAINTIFFS

V.

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DEFENDANTS

ORDER NUNC PRO TUNC TO MARCH 4, 2022 ORDER

The following Order is Nunc Pro Tunc to the Order denying Defendants'

Motion to Stay Pending Appeal and Alternative Motion For Extension and New

Trial Date as the bench trial dates were listed incorrectly. The scheduled bench trial

dates are March 15-18, 2022.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 7th day of March 2022.

Hon. Wendell Griffen Circuit Judge

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ORDER DENYING

DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO STAY PENDING APPEAL AND ALTERNATIVE MOTION FOR EXTENSION AND NEW TRIAL DATE

Before the Court are the Defendants' Motion to Stay Pending Appeal and Alternative Motion for Extension of Time and New Trial Date and Plaintiffs' Response to that Motion. The Arkansas Supreme Court rejected the sovereign immunity contention asserted by Defendants weeks ago. This matter will be tried as previously scheduled. The Court has no reason to believe that Defendants will not be prepared for trial on the date their lawyers agreed to try it. Based on all matters appearing of record, the Court finds that the Defendants' Motion to Stay or Reschedule the March 15-18, 2022 bench trial is DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 7th day of March 2022.

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