COUNTY OF HENRY

CASE NO. 33C01-1408-CB-000026

## STANDING ORDER FOR SEPARATING PARENTS WITH CASES PENDING IN HENRY CIRCUIT COURTS

WHEREAS, The Henry Circuit Courts find that it is in the best interest of the minor children of separating parents in Henry County to encourage mediation and cooperation between parents prior to and after dissolution of marriage or paternity actions; and the Courts find that an online parenting workshop will aid parents in post-separation parenting conflict and maximize the use of Court time and encourage agreements between parents.

IT IS THEREFORE CONSIDERED ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that all parents filing DR and JP cases in Henry County shall comply with the following requirements:

- Both of the parents shall be required to create an online account and participate in the online parenting curriculum at <u>www.uptoparents.org</u> and provide the Court with the certificate of completion.
- The Court may order parents who are requesting a contested custody hearing before the Court to schedule a conflict resolution parenting class by calling <u>765-</u> <u>529-0647</u> or attending mediation prior to the Court scheduling a hearing. Parents are responsible for the cost of the program.
- 3. Attendance is mandatory and a certificate of completion will be required prior to the issuance of a Divorce Decree of Paternity Judgment. Upon a parent's failure to attend, the Court may take appropriate action including contempt, assessment of cost and a prohibition against the enforcement of parenting time.
- 4. In those limited circumstances where the party's compliance is impossible, upon written motion the Court may accept an alternate program.
- 5. The Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this Standing Order to all petitioners in DR and JP cases or their attorneys at the time of filing where the parties have minor children. The Clerk is further directed to attach a copy of the order to Petitions to be served by the Sheriff of Henry County and spread of copy of this Order in the RJO and distribute to the Henry County Bar members.

Date: August 2014. Hon. Mary G. Willis, Judge Henry Circuit Court 1

Hon. Kit C. Crane, Judge, Henry Circuit Court 2