

# IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PERSONS WITH PROTECTIVE ORDERS

You may be able to EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD OF YOUR PROTECTIVE ORDER beyond 180 days if:

1. YOU CURRENTLY HAVE A PROTECTIVE ORDER IN EFFECT, and then,
2. YOU FILE OR REOPEN AN ACTION IN FAMILY COURT for divorce, annulment, separate maintenance, custodial responsibility, paternity, child support or a similar action brought under Chapter 48 of the West Virginia Code, and
3. YOU AND THE RESPONDENT SUBJECT TO THE PROTECTIVE ORDER ARE THE PARTIES TO THE FAMILY COURT CASE.

If you meet all three requirements listed above, your Protective Order will be in effect until the Family Court enters a non-procedural Temporary Order or a Final Order in your Family Court case, whichever is first.

TO PROVIDE NOTICE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES and the RESPONDENT regarding the extended time period of your Protection Order, you must notify the circuit clerk that you meet all three requirements above. The Circuit Clerk shall complete the form *FDVXNOT*, and serve said form on law enforcement and the Respondent as provided in Rule 11 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure for Domestic Violence Civil Proceedings. The Circuit Clerk shall immediately, upon completion of form *FDVXNOT*, forward said form to the Magistrate Court for inclusion in the National Domestic Violence Registry and the WV Domestic Violence State Database.