

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

**ADMINISTRATIVE DOCKET
NO. 002 OF 2000**

In re: Authorization for the Office of the Prothonotary to Offer Passport Services

ORDER

AND NOW, this 26th day of June, 2000, it appearing that the United States Department of State has authorized other Prothonotaries' Offices within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to process applications for the United States Passports to citizens of the United States of America; and whereas a great service to the citizens of Philadelphia County, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America would be provided if the Prothonotary's Office of Philadelphia County were to be authorized to process applications for United States Passports; now therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Joseph H. Evers, Prothonotary of Philadelphia County, is authorized to select no more than five employees of the Office of the Prothonotary who may request approval from the United States Department of State to become Passport Acceptance Agents.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that once these Prothonotary employees are appointed as Passport Acceptance Agents, they shall process all passport applications as mandated by statute, or rules or regulations of the United States Department of State, shall receive any and all fees and remit the fees as provided by the United States Department of State, federal law or regulation. Any fees which are payable to the Passport Acceptance Agents shall be deposited and maintained in a dedicated account which shall be used for, but not limited to, the development and implementation of effective and efficient automation, professional training, and/or any initiative that contribute to the effective functioning of the Office of the Prothonotary of Philadelphia County, or as may otherwise be provided by the President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. The appointment of the selected employees of the Prothonotary's office shall terminate at any time at the request of the Prothonotary or President Judge.

BY THE COURT:

ALEX BONAVIDACOLA
PRESIDENT JUDGE
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY