**SCRIPT – GIVEN BEFORE TRIAL/DEFAULT HEARING**

Before we begin, I wanted to make sure you are aware that there is a federal eviction moratorium issued by the CDC, currently scheduled to expire on October 3, 2021. This moratorium creates civil and criminal liability for landlords who evict tenants who are protected by the order. The moratorium does not prevent this court from moving forward with eviction cases if the landlord chooses to do so, and this court is not able to provide guidance as to whether or not an eviction case is covered by the moratorium. If you are unsure whether or not to proceed, you may consult with an attorney.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(*Plaintiff name*), do you wish to proceed with this case?

***(If they wish to proceed, hold the trial/hearing).***

***(If they do not wish to proceed until the moratorium expires):***

This case will remain on hold through at least October 3, 2021. This court will contact all parties with the next setting in this case. Be sure to keep your contact information updated with the court.

**(*If they want to dismiss, enter an order of dismissal without prejudice based on nonsuit.*)**