

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

FLORIDA STATE CONFERENCE OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
(NAACP), as an organization and representative
of its members; *et al.*,

Civil No. 4:07cv402 SPM/WCS

Plaintiffs,

vs.

KURT S. BROWNING, in his official capacity as
Secretary of State for the State of Florida,

Defendant.

JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF STAY

On June 15, 2009, this Court granted the parties' joint motion for a stay of proceedings so that the parties could continue settlement discussions. (Doc. 201.) The Court stayed all deadlines for a period of ninety days. (*Id.*) The 90-day stay will expire on Monday, September 14, 2009. The parties continue to anticipate a full amicable resolution of all outstanding issues, but because of the complexity of the issues more time is necessary. To facilitate this resolution, and to avoid unnecessary litigation efforts by the Court and the parties, the parties hereby jointly move the Court for a 30-day extension of the stay currently in effect. This brief extension will not affect the current trial schedule.

This Court has broad discretion under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to schedule and efficiently adjudicate matters. *Perez v. Miami-Dade County*, 297 F.3d

1255, 1263 (11th Cir. 2002). In particular, the court has discretion to schedule matters in a manner most likely to avoid unnecessary costs and conserve resources. Entry of an order extending the existing stay is likely to further these ends.

Accordingly, in anticipation of a successful resolution to the case without further litigation, the parties move to extend the current stay of all deadlines for an additional thirty days.

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