

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF OGLETHORPE COUNTY  
NORTHERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STATE OF GEORGIA

TO THE JUDGES AND CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF STATE COURT  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF MAGISTRATE COURT  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF PROBATE COURT  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF JUVENILE COURT

*Filed by the court*

*Sept. 26, 2024; 9:00 A.M.*

*R. Chris Phelps*  
Judge

ORDER

DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that a judicial emergency exists in this county and that a state of emergency has declared by the Governor; and

**WHEREAS**, the emergency substantially endangers or infringes upon the normal functioning of the judicial system, the ability of persons to avail themselves of the judicial system, or the ability of litigants or others to have access to the courts or meet scheduled or time deadlines imposed by the court order or rule, statute of administrative rule or regulation;

**IT IS ORDERED** that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61, the Courts of Oglethorpe County shall be closed on Friday, September 27, 2024 to **expire at 5:00 p.m. on September 27, 2024**; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62, all court deadlines, time schedules or filing requirements are hereby suspended, tolled, or extended for the duration of the judicial emergency as noted above; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Sheriff or his/her designee shall post a copy of this notice on the courthouse doors; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk of the Superior Court, or his/her designee, shall immediately notify the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Clerks of the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court by sending them a copy of this notice; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, the County Manager, or his/her designee, shall post a copy of this notice and any subsequent modification or extension in accordance with O.C.G.A § 38-3-63 by posting it on the county website or other appropriate public address system.

**SO ORDERED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

*R. Chris Phelps*  
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Chief Judge, Oglethorpe Superior Court  
Northern Judicial Circuit