

**MOUNTAIN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**IN RE: Declaration of *
 Judicial Emergency * Standing Order of the Courts
 *
**Date: September 26, 2024 *

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a judicial emergency exists in this county such that there is either a state of emergency as declared by the Governor, a public health emergency, a local emergency or such other serious emergency;

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 the Mountain Judicial Circuit (Habersham, Rabun and Stephens Counties) shall be closed from 1:00 p.m., September 26, 2024, through 5:00 p.m., September 27, 2024; and

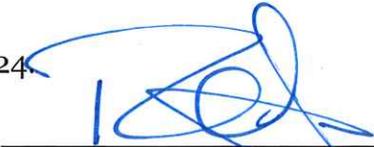
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62, all court deadlines, time schedules or filing requirements on Thursday, September 26, 2024, and Friday, September 27, 2024 are extended until Monday, September 30, 2024, unless otherwise ordered by the Court; and

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 Chief Judge’s Office will 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 26th day of September, 2024



Russell W. Smith, Chief Judge
Superior Courts
Mountain Judicial Circuit

OR: Clerk, Habersham County Superior Court
Clerk, Habersham County Juvenile Court
Clerk, Habersham County State Court
Clerk, Habersham County Magistrate Court
Clerk, Habersham County Probate Court
Clerk, Rabun County Superior Court
Clerk, Rabun County Juvenile Court
Clerk, Rabun County Magistrate Court
Clerk, Rabun County Probate Court
Clerk, Stephens County Superior Court
Clerk, Stephens County Juvenile Court
Clerk, Stephens County State Court
Clerk, Stephens County Magistrate Court
Clerk, Stephens County Probate Court

CC: The Honorable Michael P. Boggs, Chief Justice, Georgia Supreme Court
Clerk, Georgia Supreme Court
Clerk, Georgia Court of Appeals
The Honorable B. Chan Caudell
The Honorable William R. Oliver
The Honorable B. Nichole Carswell
The Honorable M. Steven Campbell
The Honorable Tricia L. Hise
The Honorable Pamela Wooley
The Honorable James Blalock
The Honorable Carlton Jones
The Honorable James T. Irvin
The Honorable Donald Tabor
The Honorable Glenda Ernest
Joey Terrell, Sheriff, Habersham County
Beth Darnell, Sheriff, Rabun County
Randy Shirley, Sheriff, Stephens County
Alicia Vaughn, County Manager, Habersham County
Darrin Giles, County Manager, Rabun County
Christian Hamilton, County Manager, Stephens County
Maggie S. Rickman, Court Administrator, Mountain Judicial Circuit
Grace McGowen, Ninth District Court Administrator