

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MCDUFFIE COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**TO THE JUDGES AND CLERK OF SUPERIOR 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 JUVENILE COURT**

**ORDER
DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a judicial emergency exists in this county such that there is a state of emergency as declared by the Governor for all 159 counties in the State due to the extended impact of Hurricane Helene;

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 Superior Court, Magistrate Court, Probate Court, and Juvenile Court of McDuffie County shall remain closed from September 27, 2024 through October 8, 2024, at 8:00 a.m.; 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

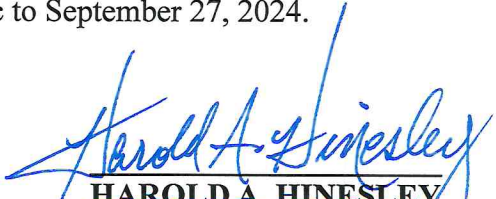
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Sheriff or his/her designee shall post a copy of this notice on the courthouse doors; and

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.

In case of emergency, please contact 706-613-3173.

SO ORDERED this 3rd day of October, 2024, nunc pro tunc to September 27, 2024.


HAROLD A. HINESLEY
Chief Judge, Superior Court
Toombs Judicial Circuit