

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
MIDDLE JUCIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**TO THE JUDGES AND CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
TO THE JUDGE AND CLERK OF STATE COURT
TO THE JUDGE AND CLERK OF PROBATE COURT
TO THE JUDGE AND CLERK OF MAGISTRATE COURT
TO THE JUDGE AND CLERK OF JUVENILE COURT
TO THE JUDGE AND CLERK OF DRUG COURT
TO THE JUDGE AND CLERK OF PARENT ACCOUNTABILITY COURT**

ORDER DECLARING JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

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 Courthouse and all Courts of Washington County shall be closed from October 1, 2024 until October 4, 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 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 Administrator, or his 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 1st day of October, 2024.



Robert S. Reeves
Chief Judge of Superior Courts
Middle Judicial Circuit