

**IN THE SUPERIOR OF GORDON COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**IN RE: ORDER DECLARING A  
JUDICIAL EMERGENCY DUE  
TO INCLEMENT WEATHER**

**FILED**  
Clerk Superior Ct., Gordon County

JAN 09 2025

Grant Walraven  
Clerk

**NOTICE OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY WITHIN GORDON COUNTY  
DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER**

**1.**

A judicial emergency exists within Gordon County such that winter weather, including snow and ice, may inhibit travel to the courthouse and cause power outages, making business within the courthouse impossible and resulting in severe effects within Gordon County.

**2.**

The emergency described in paragraph 1 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.

**3.**

Therefore, pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-60 *et seq.*, Chief Judge D. Scott Smith of the Superior Court of Gordon County, Cherokee Judicial Circuit, **HEREBY DECLARES** the existence of a judicial emergency due to the issues and conditions listed within paragraphs 1 and 2. The Court **HEREBY ORDERS** that pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-61, the Superior Court, Juvenile Court, Probate Court, Magistrate Court and the Clerk's Offices of said courts shall be closed to the public from 5 AM on Friday, January 10, 2025, until 8 AM on Monday, January 13, 2025. However, the Magistrate Court shall remain open only for essential judicial proceedings as directed by the Chief Magistrate. Nothing in this order shall prohibit the employees of such courts or any other county employee from working remotely during the emergency if directed to by the appropriate authority.

**4.**

The Court further **ORDERS** that, pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-62 (a), the Court grants relief from all court deadlines, time schedules, or filing requirements for the duration of the judicial emergency.

5.

Upon issuance of this **ORDER**, pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-63, the Court shall or show cause by and through the Court Administrator (1) immediate notification of this action to the Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court, (2) notification and service of this order on the judges and clerks of all courts sitting within the jurisdictions affected and on the clerks of the Georgia Court of Appeals and the Georgia Supreme Court, and (3) notice of the issuance of the order to the affected parties, counsel for the affected parties, and the public.

SO ORDERED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

  
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D. Scott Smith, Chief Judge  
Cherokee Judicial Circuit

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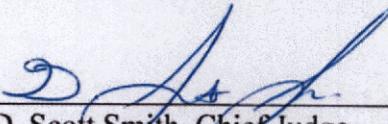
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