

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY  
OCMULGEE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
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  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT**

**ORDER CONCERNING CLOSING OF COURTHOUSE AND  
DECLARATION OF LOCAL JUDICIAL EMERGENCY**

On January 22, 2026, Governor Brian Kemp declared a statewide State of Emergency, effective immediately, through January 29, 2026, in preparation for the approaching severe inclement weather expected to impact Georgia beginning January 23, 2026.

Additionally, the Court has determined that a judicial emergency exists in Hancock County, Georgia in that a Winter Storm Watch, issued by the National Weather Service is in effect from January 24, 2026, 1:00 PM EST through at least January 26, 2026, 10:00 AM.

The governing authority of Hancock County earlier this day (January 23, 2026) declared that Hancock County Administrative Offices, including the Courthouse, shall be closed January 26, 2026, due to the severe inclement weather; and

No alternate facility is reasonably accessible given the nature and limited duration of the emergency; and

The Superior, Juvenile, Magistrate, and Probate Courts (“Hancock Courts”) shall be inaccessible, as will the office for the Clerk of Court, during this emergency closure of the Courthouse.

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, and/or the ability of litigants or others to have access to the courts or meet deadlines imposed by court order or rule, statute, or administrative rule or regulation.

Pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-61, during the period of the Judicial Emergency, the Hancock County Courthouse shall be closed on January 26, 2026, and will reopen on Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

Pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-62 (a), all court deadlines, other time schedules, or filing requirements imposed by applicable statutes, rules, regulations, or court orders, whether in civil or criminal cases or administrative matters, are hereby suspended, tolled, or extended until January 27, 2026, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

Pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-63, the Sheriff or designee shall post a copy of this notice on the courthouse doors; the County Manager/Administrator or designee, shall post a copy of this notice and any subsequent modification or extension on the county website; the Clerk of Court shall provide notice of the closure in the same manner as they would for cancellation of any other court matter, including announcements on television, radio, and public address systems; and notice of this order and any extension shall be provided to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, to the judges and clerks of all courts sitting within the affected jurisdiction, and on the clerks of the Supreme Court of Georgia and the Court of Appeals of Georgia.

Nothing in this Order shall be construed to limit the ability of a Hancock Court from setting a remote proceeding (such as by Zoom or Webex), converting a previously scheduled in-person proceeding to a remote proceeding, or conducting a previously scheduled remote proceeding during this judicial emergency, as long as the Court conducting such proceeding complies with the statutes and rules allowing such.

Anyone requiring the Court's involvement in an emergency situation on January 26, 2026, shall email the Clerk or the particular judge's office or call the Sheriff's Office at (706) 444-6471.<sup>1</sup>

SO ORDERED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2026 at 4:00 PM.



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Alison T. Burleson  
Chief Judge, Superior Courts  
Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GREENE COUNTY  
OCMULGEE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
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  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT**

**ORDER CONCERNING CLOSING OF COURTHOUSE AND  
DECLARATION OF LOCAL JUDICIAL EMERGENCY**

On January 22, 2026, Governor Brian Kemp declared a statewide State of Emergency, effective immediately, through January 29, 2026, in preparation for the approaching severe inclement weather expected to impact Georgia beginning January 23, 2026.

Additionally, the Court has determined that a judicial emergency exists in Greene County, Georgia in that an Ice Storm Warning, issued by the National Weather Service is in effect from January 24, 2026, 1:30 PM EST through at least January 26, 2026, 10:00 AM.

The governing authority of Greene County earlier this day (January 23, 2026) declared that Greene County Administrative Offices, including the Courthouse, shall be closed January 26, 2026, due to the severe inclement weather; and

No alternate facility is reasonably accessible given the nature and limited duration of the emergency; and

The Superior, Juvenile, Magistrate, and Probate Courts (“Greene Courts”) shall be inaccessible, as will the office for the Clerk of Court, during this emergency closure of the Courthouse.

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, and/or the ability of litigants or others to have access to the courts or meet deadlines imposed by court order or rule, statute, or administrative rule or regulation.

Pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-61, during the period of the Judicial Emergency, the Greene County Courthouse shall be closed on January 26, 2026, and will reopen on Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

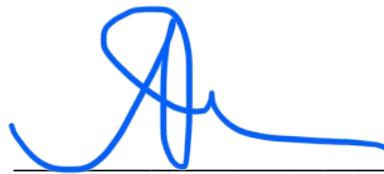
Pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-62 (a), all court deadlines, other time schedules, or filing requirements imposed by applicable statutes, rules, regulations, or court orders, whether in civil or criminal cases or administrative matters, are hereby suspended, tolled, or extended until January 27, 2026, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

Pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-63, the Sheriff or designee shall post a copy of this notice on the courthouse doors; the County Manager/Administrator or designee, shall post a copy of this notice and any subsequent modification or extension on the county website; the Clerk of Court shall provide notice of the closure in the same manner as they would for cancellation of any other court matter, including announcements on television, radio, and public address systems; and notice of this order and any extension shall be provided to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, to the judges and clerks of all courts sitting within the affected jurisdiction, and on the clerks of the Supreme Court of Georgia and the Court of Appeals of Georgia.

Nothing in this Order shall be construed to limit the ability of a Greene Court from setting a remote proceeding (such as by Zoom or Webex), converting a previously scheduled in-person proceeding to a remote proceeding, or conducting a previously scheduled remote proceeding during this judicial emergency, as long as the Court conducting such proceeding complies with the statutes and rules allowing such.

Anyone requiring the Court's involvement in an emergency situation on January 26, 2026, shall email the Clerk or the particular judge's office or call the Sheriff's Office at (706) 453-3351.<sup>1</sup>

SO ORDERED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2026 at 4:00 PM.



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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY  
OCMULGEE 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 JUVENILE COURT  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT**

**ORDER CONCERNING CLOSING OF COURTHOUSE AND  
DECLARATION OF LOCAL JUDICIAL EMERGENCY**

On January 22, 2026, Governor Brian Kemp declared a statewide State of Emergency, effective immediately, through January 29, 2026, in preparation for the approaching severe inclement weather expected to impact Georgia beginning January 23, 2026.

Additionally, the Court has determined that a judicial emergency exists in Baldwin County, Georgia in that a Winter Storm Watch, issued by the National Weather Service is in effect from January 24, 2026, 1:00 PM EST through at least January 26, 2026, 10:00 AM.

The governing authority of Baldwin County earlier this day (January 23, 2026) declared that Baldwin County Administrative Offices, including the Courthouse, shall be closed January 26, 2026, due to the severe inclement weather; and

No alternate facility is reasonably accessible given the nature and limited duration of the emergency; and

The Superior, State, Juvenile, Magistrate, and Probate Courts (“Baldwin Courts”) shall be inaccessible, as will the office for the Clerk of Court, during this emergency closure of the Courthouse.

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, and/or the ability of litigants or others to have access to the courts or meet deadlines imposed by court order or rule, statute, or administrative rule or regulation.

Pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-61, during the period of the Judicial Emergency, the Baldwin County Courthouse shall be closed on January 26, 2026, and will reopen on Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

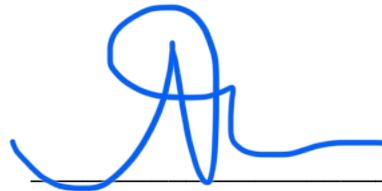
Pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-62 (a), all court deadlines, other time schedules, or filing requirements imposed by applicable statutes, rules, regulations, or court orders, whether in civil or criminal cases or administrative matters, are hereby suspended, tolled, or extended until January 27, 2026, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

Pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-63, the Sheriff or designee shall post a copy of this notice on the courthouse doors; the County Manager/Administrator or designee, shall post a copy of this notice and any subsequent modification or extension on the county website; the Clerk of Court shall provide notice of the closure in the same manner as they would for cancellation of any other court matter, including announcements on television, radio, and public address systems; and notice of this order and any extension shall be provided to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, to the judges and clerks of all courts sitting within the affected jurisdiction, and on the clerks of the Supreme Court of Georgia and the Court of Appeals of Georgia.

Nothing in this Order shall be construed to limit the ability of a Baldwin Court from setting a remote proceeding (such as by Zoom or Webex), converting a previously scheduled in-person proceeding to a remote proceeding, or conducting a previously scheduled remote proceeding during this judicial emergency, as long as the Court conducting such proceeding complies with the statutes and rules allowing such.

Anyone requiring the Court's involvement in an emergency situation on January 26, 2026, shall email the Clerk or the particular judge's office or call the Sheriff's Office at (478) 445-4891.<sup>1</sup>

SO ORDERED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2026 at 4:00 PM.



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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY  
OCMULGEE 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 JUVENILE COURT  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT**

**ORDER CONCERNING CLOSING OF COURTHOUSE AND  
DECLARATION OF LOCAL JUDICIAL EMERGENCY**

On January 22, 2026, Governor Brian Kemp declared a statewide State of Emergency, effective immediately, through January 29, 2026, in preparation for the approaching severe inclement weather expected to impact Georgia beginning January 23, 2026.

Additionally, the Court has determined that a judicial emergency exists in Putnam County, Georgia in that a Winter Weather Advisory, issued by the National Weather Service is in effect from January 25, 2026, 10:30 A.M. EST through at least January 26, 2026, 10:00 AM.

The governing authority of Putnam County earlier this day (January 25, 2026) declared that the Putnam County Courthouse shall be closed January 26, 2026, due to the severe inclement weather; and

No alternate facility is reasonably accessible given the nature and limited duration of the emergency; and

The Superior, State, Juvenile, Magistrate, and Probate Courts (“Putnam Courts”) will be physically inaccessible, as will the office for the Clerk of Court, during this emergency closure of the Courthouse.

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, and/or the ability of litigants or others to have access to the courts or meet deadlines imposed by court order or rule, statute, or administrative rule or regulation.

Pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-61, during the period of the Judicial Emergency, the Putnam County Courthouse will be closed on January 26, 2026, and will reopen on Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

Pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-62 (a), all court deadlines, other time schedules, or filing requirements imposed by applicable statutes, rules, regulations, or court orders, whether in civil or criminal cases or administrative matters, are hereby suspended, tolled, or extended until January 27, 2026, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

Pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-63, the Sheriff or designee shall post a copy of this notice on the courthouse doors; the County Manager/Administrator or designee, shall post a copy of this notice and any subsequent modification or extension on the county website; the Clerk of Court shall provide notice of the closure in the same manner as they would for cancellation of any other court matter, including announcements on television, radio, and public address systems; and notice of this order and any extension shall be provided to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, to the judges and clerks of all courts sitting within the affected jurisdiction, and on the clerks of the Supreme Court of Georgia and the Court of Appeals of Georgia.

Nothing in this Order shall be construed to limit the ability of a Putnam Court from setting a remote proceeding (such as by Zoom or Webex), converting a previously scheduled in-person proceeding to a remote proceeding, or conducting a previously scheduled remote proceeding during this judicial emergency, as long as the Court conducting such proceeding complies with the statutes and rules allowing such.

Anyone requiring the Court's involvement in an emergency situation on January 26, 2026, shall email the Clerk or the particular judge's office or call the Sheriff's Office at (706) 485-8557.<sup>1</sup>

SO ORDERED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026 at 4:00 PM.



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Chief Judge, Superior Courts  
Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MORGAN COUNTY  
OCMULGEE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
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  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT**

**ORDER CONCERNING CLOSING OF COURTHOUSE AND  
DECLARATION OF LOCAL JUDICIAL EMERGENCY**

On January 22, 2026, Governor Brian Kemp declared a statewide State of Emergency, effective immediately, through January 29, 2026, in preparation for the approaching severe inclement weather expected to impact Georgia beginning January 23, 2026.

Additionally, the Court has determined that a judicial emergency exists in Morgan County, Georgia in that an Ice Storm Warning, issued by the National Weather Service is in effect from January 25, 2026, 2:55 PM EST through at least January 26, 2026, 10:00 AM.

The governing authority of Morgan County earlier this day (January 25, 2026) declared that Morgan County Administrative Offices, including the Courthouse, shall be closed January 26, 2026, due to the severe inclement weather; and

No alternate facility is reasonably accessible given the nature and limited duration of the emergency; and

The Superior, Juvenile, Magistrate, and Probate Courts (“Morgan Courts”) shall be inaccessible, as will the office for the Clerk of Court, during this emergency closure of the Courthouse.

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, and/or the ability of litigants or others to have access to the courts or meet deadlines imposed by court order or rule, statute, or administrative rule or regulation.

Pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-61, during the period of the Judicial Emergency, the Morgan County Courthouse shall be closed on January 26, 2026, and will reopen on Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

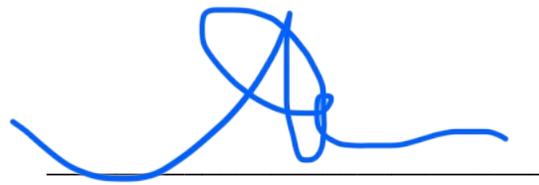
Pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-62 (a), all court deadlines, other time schedules, or filing requirements imposed by applicable statutes, rules, regulations, or court orders, whether in civil or criminal cases or administrative matters, are hereby suspended, tolled, or extended until January 27, 2026, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

Pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-63, the Sheriff or designee shall post a copy of this notice on the courthouse doors; the County Manager/Administrator or designee, shall post a copy of this notice and any subsequent modification or extension on the county website; the Clerk of Court shall provide notice of the closure in the same manner as they would for cancellation of any other court matter, including announcements on television, radio, and public address systems; and notice of this order and any extension shall be provided to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, to the judges and clerks of all courts sitting within the affected jurisdiction, and on the clerks of the Supreme Court of Georgia and the Court of Appeals of Georgia.

Nothing in this Order shall be construed to limit the ability of a Morgan Court from setting a remote proceeding (such as by Zoom or Webex), converting a previously scheduled in-person proceeding to a remote proceeding, or conducting a previously scheduled remote proceeding during this judicial emergency, as long as the Court conducting such proceeding complies with the statutes and rules allowing such.

Anyone requiring the Court's involvement in an emergency situation on January 26, 2026, shall email the Clerk or the particular judge's office or call the Sheriff's Office at (706) 342-1507.<sup>1</sup>

SO ORDERED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026 at 5:00 PM.



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