IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FANNIN COUNTY
APPALACHIAN 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 MUNICIPAL COURT
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF JUVENILE COURT

ORDER

DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY BEGINNING 8:00 A.M. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026, UNTIL 8:00 A.M. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2026

WHEREAS, it has been determined that Fannin County has experienced significant flooding and that the Fannin County Board of Commissioners closed the Fannin Courthouse on November 5 - 6, 2026;

WHEREAS, per OCGA § 38-3-61, because the Fannin Courthouse is closed on Thursday, November 5, 2026, and Friday, November 6, 2026, court scheduled in all classes of court is CANCELED; and

WHEREAS the court has found that a judicial emergency exists in Fannin County in that the public cannot access the courthouse due to hazardous travel conditions and its closure, and the flooding may have caused power outages and difficulties in electronic filings. 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. The judicial emergency shall begin at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2026, and end at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, November 9, 2026, when the courthouse opens for business, unless otherwise modified or extended by the court by separate order; 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. To account for potential disruptions in communication by lawyers, parties, and others due to the flooding and closure of the courthouse, it is hereby ordered that all filings with deadlines on Thursday, November 5, 2026, or Friday, November 6, 2026, are extended until Monday, November 9, 2026, unless otherwise modified or extended by the Court; and

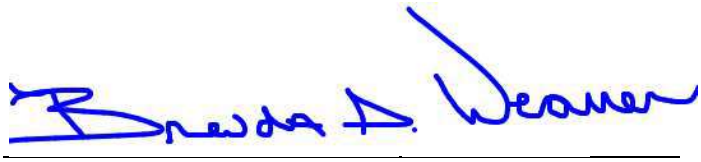
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Sheriff or his/her designee shall post a copy of this notice on the courthouse doors; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that anyone requiring the Court's involvement in an emergency situation during the emergency period should email superiorcourtappalachian@gmail.com or call 706-253-8731; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the undersigned Judge's 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, in addition to posting a copy of this notice on the Appalachian Judicial Circuit website; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Fannin Clerk of Superior Court, or 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 publishing it on the county website or other appropriate public address system to reach affected parties, counsel for the affected parties, and the public.

SO ORDERED this 5th day of November, 2026, 9 : 48 a.m./p.m., *nunc pro tunc* 8:00 a.m., the 5th day of November, 2026, Jasper, Georgia.



Hon. Brenda S. Weaver

Chief Judge, Superior Court