

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BARROW COUNTY
PIEDMONT 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

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a judicial emergency exists in this county having been so declared by the Governor and the Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court;

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the undersigned that, as of April 21, 2020, a second deputy sheriff working regularly in the Barrow County Courthouse has tested positive for COVID-19. In response, the Sheriff has requested the opportunity to conduct another thorough cleaning of the courthouse, and the undersigned has determined that best practices dictate a further and more concerted effort in social distancing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61, the Courthouse of Barrow County, Georgia shall be closed beginning Tuesday, April 21, 2020, through and including Friday, April 24, 2020, or until further order of the court. Provided this order is not extended or otherwise modified, the courthouse will re-open for normal operations on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. During this period of closure, one or more deputies of the Barrow County Sheriff's Department will be situated inside the front door of the courthouse and available to handle questions and direct any interested person to the appropriate authority or county officer for any emergency or any need that would otherwise be handled in the courthouse. Any hearings conducted this day and during this period remain open to the public.

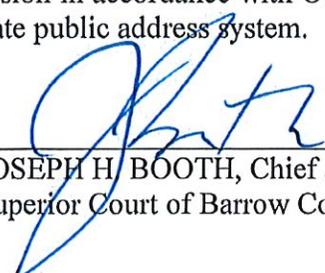
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62, all court deadlines, time schedules or filing requirements are hereby suspended, tolled, or extended for the duration of the judicial emergency as noted above; and

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 Manager, 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 21st day of April 2020.



JOSEPH H. BOOTH, Chief Judge
Superior Court of Barrow County