IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY
MIDDLE JUDICIAL 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 THE 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-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 June 27, 2020, a person working regularly in the Jefferson County Courthouse has tested positive for COVID-19. In response, the Sheriff has requested the opportunity to conduct a 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 Jefferson County, Georgia shall be closed beginning Monday, June 29, 2020, through and including Wednesday, July 8, 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 Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. During this period of closure, one or more deputies of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department will be situated inside the front door of the courthouse and available to handle and direct any interested person to the appropriate authority or county officer for any emergency or any need which would otherwise be handled in the courthouse; 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 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 on the county website or other appropriate public address system.

SO ORDERED this 29TH day of June 2020.

Robert S. Reeves

ROBERT S. REEVES, Chief Judge
Jefferson County Superior Court
Middle Judicial Circuit

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