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Chief Justice Harold D. Melton
Supreme Court of Georgia
Nathan Deal Judicial Center
330 Capitol Avenue, S.E.
1st Floor, Suite 1100
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

RE: Notification of Order Declaring Judicial Emergency
pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-63

Honorable Chief Justice Melton,

Please find enclosed with this letter a copy of an order declaring a judicial emergency for the Ware County State Court that has been entered pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61 in regard to the ongoing public health emergency.

Sincerely,

Douglas L. Gibson
Judge, State Court of Ware County

cc: Therese S. Barnes, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Georgia (via email barnest@gasupreme.us)
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Melba Fiveash, Clerk of Ware County Superior Court (via email melba.fiveash@gsccca.org)


IN THE STATE COURT OF WARE COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

In order to provide a safe environment for everyone in the Ware County State Court during the Public Health Emergency, the Court orders that:

1. The Court hereby adopts and includes as part of this Order by reference the guidelines set out in the Ware Superior Court's ORDER ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR IN PERSON COURT PROCEEDINGS WAYCROSS JUDICIAL CIRCUIT dated May 14, 2020. All amendments to said order shall be adopted unless specifically rejected by this Court. The Order Establishing Guidelines for In Person Court Proceedings Waycross Judicial Circuit shall be followed as closely as shall practical taking into consideration all existing circumstances. A copy of the Order Establishing Guidelines for In Person Court Proceedings Waycross Judicial Circuit is available from the Clerk of the Ware State Court and will be posted at the Court facility.
2. All persons shall arrive at the time on their notice/subpoena. Persons shall avoid arriving early. Persons arriving early will be asked to wait outside the Courtroom so that proper social distancing shall be possible. (Court is open for all to attend. Anyone who wishes to observe court will be allowed in the seating to watch the proceedings via closed circuit television.)
3. All persons shall maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet between themselves and all other persons at all times.
4. If you are immunocompromised or otherwise at greater danger from COVID-19, please call Melba Fiveash, the Court Clerk at 287-4340 **before** the time you are to be in Court. The Court will set your hearing at a time that will allow you to avoid unnecessary risk.

5. If you are running a fever or have other symptoms of COVID-19 do not come to Court. Call Melba Fiveash, the Court Clerk at 287-4340 **before** the time you are to be in Court to reschedule your appearance.
6. The Clerk of the Court is directed to send a copy of this order with every notice to attend court and every subpoena.
7. The Clerk of the Court is directed to post a copy of this order and the Order Establishing Guidelines for In Person Court Proceedings Waycross Judicial Circuit at a location so that they can both be read by everyone attending any court proceeding.

This 8 day of June, 2020.



Douglas Gibson, Judge Ware
State Court