

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WARE COUNTY  
WAYCROSS 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**

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**ORDER EXTENDING 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 persons working regularly in the Ware County Courthouse may have been exposed to COVID-19 and are experiencing symptoms and some personnel have had close contact with them;

**WHEREAS**, despite the implementation of and adherence to designated public health and safety guidelines, the Probate Judge and staff of Ware County and certain family members of the judge have tested positive for Covid-19;

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that circumstances surrounding COVID-19 do not permit the re-opening of the Probate Court of Ware County;

**WHEREAS**, the Probate Court staff are unable to resume their duties at the present time;

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61, this Court's Emergency Order dated June 26, 2020 is hereby extended. The Probate Court of Ware County, Georgia shall remain closed until July 19, 2020 or until further order of this Court. Provided this order is not extended or otherwise modified, the Probate Court will re-open for normal operations on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that upon the re-opening of the Probate Court, social distancing will be strictly enforced; and the use of appropriate sanitizers by all occupants of the building or the general public on entering the building.


**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

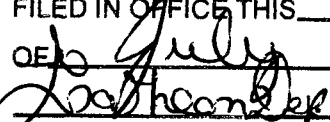
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Sheriff or his/her designee shall post a copy of this notice on the courthouse doors, and

**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 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

  
Dwayne H. Gillis, Chief Judge  
Superior Court of Ware County

FILED IN OFFICE THIS 7 DAY  
OF July, 2020  
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