

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
MIDDLE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA

WASHINGTON COUNTY, GEORGIA
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TO THE JUDGES AND CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
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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

Greg H. Conner
CLERK OF SUPERIOR 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 July 7, 2020, a person working regularly in the Washington County Courthouse has tested positive for COVID-19. In response, the Court has determined that a thorough cleaning of the courthouse is necessary, and has determined that best practices dictate a further and more concerted effort in social distancing. Cleaning is currently scheduled for July 15, 2020.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61, the Courthouse of Washington County, Georgia shall be closed beginning Monday, July 13, 2020, through and including Wednesday, July 15, 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 16, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. During this period of closure, one or more deputies of the Washington 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 13TH day of July, 2020.

Robert S. Reeves

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

Copy: Hon. Harold Melton, Chief Justice, Georgia Supreme Court
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