

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WILCOX COUNTY
CORDELE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA

TO THE JUDGES AND CLERK OF SUPERIOR 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 SHERIFF OF WILCOX COUNTY
TO THE COUNTY MANAGER/BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WILCOX COUNTY

ORDER-DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

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

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the undersigned that, as of November 13, 2020, three people working regularly in the Wilcox County Courthouse have tested positive for COVID-19. In response, the Court and the Wilcox County Manager have determined that a thorough cleaning of the courthouse is necessary, and cleaning is currently scheduled for the week of November 16-20, 2020.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §38-3-61, the Courthouse of Wilcox County, Georgia shall be closed beginning Monday, November 13, 2020 through and including Friday, November 20, 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, November 23, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. During this period of closure, one or more deputies of the Wilcox County Sheriff's Office will be situated inside the front door of the courthouse as 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

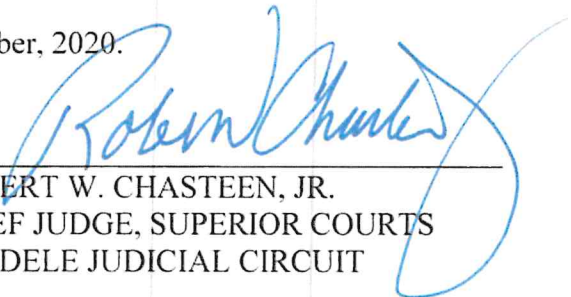
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §38-3-62, all court deadlines, time schedules or filing requirements are hereby suspended, tolled, or extended for the duration of the judicial emergency as noted above; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Sheriff, or his designee, shall post a copy of this Order 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 Order; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the County Manager, or her designee, shall post a copy of this Order 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 13 day of November, 2020.



ROBERT W. CHASTEEN, JR.
CHIEF JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURTS
CORDELE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COPY: Honorable Harold Melton, Chief Justice, Georgia Supreme Court
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Hon. Denise D. Fachini, Sup. Ct. Judge, Cordele Judicial Circuit
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