IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WAYNE COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: Declaration of Judicial Emergency	* * * * * * *
Date: January 26th, 2021	

AMENDED ORDER DECLARING JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, based upon information received from the Clerk of Superior Court of Wayne County there has been a positive test for Covid-19 (Corona virus) reported among personnel within the Superior Court Clerk's Office;

WHEREAS, it has been recommended by the CDC and the Georgia Department of Health that the Wayne County Superior Court Clerk's Office be closed temporarily to protect the health and well-being of court employees and the general public having business within the courts, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-60(2)(B), a public health emergency;

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED that said public health emergency substantially endangers or infringes upon the normal functioning of the Superior Courts and the Superior Court Clerk and there is an immediate need to temporarily close the Clerk's Office and those courts serviced by the Clerk of Superior Court to normal operations during which time those offices and courts shall be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized pursuant to federal and state guidelines;

Therefore, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61, the Honorable Chief Judge Stephen G. Scarlett, Sr. of the Superior Court of Wayne County, Brunswick Judicial Circuit **DOES HEREBY ORDER AND DECLARE** the existence of a Judicial Emergency in Wayne County, the nature of this emergency is the potential spread of Covid-19 throughout the Clerk's Office and those courts serviced by the clerk's Office and to the general public having business within those courts.

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that the **Wayne County Superior Court Clerk's Office, Superior Court, State Court and Juvenile Court shall be closed from 8:30 a.m. on January 26, 2021 until 8:30 a.m. on February 1, 2021**, when those offices shall reopen for business. This temporary closure will make access to the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, State Court and Juvenile Court impossible for the duration of said closure; thus, it is **FURTHER ORDERED** that anyone having courthouse business that requires access to any of these courts may call the following numbers and shall be directed accordingly: **(912) 427-5930 or (912) 424-1270.**

IT IS ORDERED that the Sheriff of Wayne County shall post this Order on his public notification site and at the entrance to the courthouse, and the Clerk shall post this on her public notification site.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the undersigned shall immediately notify and serve Chief Justice Harold D. Melton of the Supreme Court with a copy of this

Order, such service to be accomplished via email to Tee Barnes, the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Georgia, at barnest@gasupreme.us;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the undersigned shall immediately notify and serve a copy of the order on the judges and clerk of all courts sitting within Wayne County and on the clerks of the Georgia Court of Appeals and the Georgia Supreme Court, such service to be accomplished through reasonable means to assure expeditious receipt; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the undersigned shall give notice of the issuance of this Order to any affected parties, their counsel, and the public.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 26th day of January, 2021 at 8:40 a.m./p.m.

STEPHEN G. SCARLETT, SR.
Chief Judge, Superior Courts
Brunswick Judicial Circuit