IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MURRAY COUNTY
CONASAUGA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA

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AMENDED ORDER DECLARING JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Governor of Georgia on March 13, 2020 declared a Public Health State of Emergency pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-51 and the Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court on February 7, 2021 issued an Eleventh Order Extending Declaration of Statewide Judicial Emergency pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61;

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED that a Judicial Emergency exists in Murray County, Georgia, affecting the Murray County Superior Court such that there is a serious health emergency pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-60(2)(D). See O.C.G.A. § 38-3-60(2)(D) (providing that "Judicial Emergency" means "[s]uch other serious emergency");

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED that the Judicial Emergency substantially endangers or infringes upon the normal functioning of the judicial system as it relates to jury service;

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED that the Murray County Courthouse will not be able to provide a space that will permit potential jurors and court staff to adequately maintain a safe and responsible social distance during jury assembly and empanneling, and it is necessary, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61(c), to designate another facility which is reasonably accessible and appropriate for the conduct of court business, and to adequately social distance for the convening of the jury for jury assembly and empaneling purposes;

WHEREAS, the Deacons of the First Baptist Church of Chatsworth have agreed to allow the use the First Baptist Church of Chatsworth Sanctuary by the governing authority of Murray County for the exclusive use of the Murray County

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Superior Court for the purpose of jury assembly and empaneling during the selection of juries on March 15 and March 22, 2021;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the First Baptist Church of Chatsworth Sanctuary, located at 121 W. Market Street, Chatsworth, Georgia, 30705, shall be utilized for assembly and empaneling of juries on the aforementioned dates. The Sanctuary shall be sanitized in a manner adhering to Centers for Disease Control guidelines before individuals are permitted to enter the building on the day of jury proceedings and also after said proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that jury assembly and empaneling proceedings shall be held in a space within the Sanctuary that allows individuals to maintain a safe and responsible social distance. All persons will be required to wear a mask or face covering over their noses and mouths throughout the proceedings, and a mask will be provided for those who arrive without a mask. All persons entering the building shall have their temperature checked and will be asked appropriate questions regarding potential exposure to COVID-19. Hand sanitizer will be provided.

PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 38-3-63:

IT IS ORDERED that the Sheriff of Murray County shall post this Order in the courthouse and on the entrance door at the First Baptist Church of Chatsworth.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the undersigned shall immediately notify and serve Chief Justice Harold D. Melton of the Supreme Court of Georgia with a copy of this Order, such service to be accomplished via email to Therese S. 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 this Order on the Murray County Clerk of Superior Court 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Murray County Clerk of Superior Court shall give necessary notice to potential jurors that the jury assembly and empaneling will take place in the First Baptist Church of Chatsworth, such notice to include but not be limited to providing information of the location change in juror summonses and posting the location change on the official Murray County Clerk of Court webpage.

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

SO ORDERED this 19th day of March, 2021, in Murray County, Georgia, nunc pro tunc March 2, 2021.

This Judicial Emergency Order shall terminate on April 1, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise extended.

William T. Boyett

HON. WILLIAM T. BOYETT
Chief Judge, Superior Court
Conasauga Judicial Circuit

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