

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**ORDER ABOLISHING EFFINGHAM COUNTY LOCAL COMMITTEE ON  
RESUMING JURY TRIALS AND RESCINDING ORDER ESTABLISHING  
GUIDELINES FOR RESUMING JURY PROCEEDINGS**

In response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Chief Justice Harold D. Melton entered an Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency on March 14, 2020. Thereafter, Justice Melton has amended and extended the Statewide Judicial Emergency through the entry of fifteen subsequent orders. The most recent, Fifteenth Order Extending Declaration of Statewide Judicial Emergency, extended the Statewide Judicial Emergency until June 30, 2021. In addition to extending the Judicial Emergency, the recent Order indicates that the Public Health State of Emergency declared by the Governor will expire at 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30, 2021. As a result, the Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency will expire on that date as well, and will not be further extended. Thereafter, control over COVID-19 protocols and orders will return to the individual circuits and the respective chief judges.

**WHEREFORE**, the Court hereby abolishes the Effingham County Local Committee on Resuming Jury Trials.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, that the Order Establishing Guidelines for Resuming Jury Proceedings is hereby rescinded.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, that this order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, July 1, 2021.

SO ORDERED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

  
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**F. GATES PEED**

Chief Judge, Effingham County Superior Court  
Ogeechee Judicial Circuit