

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF McINTOSH COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: Declaration of Judicial
Emergency

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Theresa A. Banne
SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

AMENDED ORDER DECLARING JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, based upon information received by the undersigned, a number of courthouse employees have tested positive for Covid-19, despite the implementation and adherence to designated safety guidelines;

WHEREAS, the undersigned Chief Judge of the Superior Courts of the Atlantic Judicial Circuit believes that it is in the best interest of public safety and the safety of court personnel to declare a judicial emergency within McIntosh County and temporarily close the McIntosh County Courthouse;

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED that said public health emergency substantially endangers or infringes upon the normal functioning of the Superior Courts, State Courts, Probate Courts and Magistrate Courts within McIntosh County as a need exists to thoroughly clean and sanitize the courthouse;

Therefore, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61, the Honorable Robert L. Russell, III, Chief Judge of the Superior Court of McIntosh County, Atlantic Judicial Circuit **DOES HEREBY ORDER AND DECLARE** the existence of a Judicial Emergency in McIntosh County, the nature of this emergency is the potential spread of Covid-19 throughout the courthouse and to the general public having business

with the courts.

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that the **McIntosh County Courthouse shall be closed effective immediately through August 20, 2021, with the Courthouse reopening for business on Monday, August 23, 2021.** This temporary closure will make access to the McIntosh County Courthouse, and the various levels of courts housed within the Courthouse, impossible for the duration of said closure; thus, it is **FURTHER ORDERED** that one or more deputies of the McIntosh County Sheriff's Office shall be situated inside the front door of the courthouse and available to handle any direct any interested person to the appropriate authority or county officer for any emergency or any need which would otherwise be handled by the courthouse;

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) 580-0233 or (912) 437-3033;**

IT IS 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;

IT IS ORDERED that the Sheriff of McIntosh County shall post this Order at the entrance to the courthouse, the Clerk shall post this on her public notification site and it shall further be posted on the Circuit's website;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the undersigned shall immediately notify and serve Chief Justice David E. Nahmias of the Supreme Court with a copy of this Order;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the undersigned shall immediately notify and serve a copy of the order on the judges and clerks of all courts sitting within McIntosh 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.

SO ORDERED, this 16th day of August, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.



ROBERT L. RUSSELL, III
Chief Judge, Superior Courts
Atlantic Judicial Circuit