

Patty Baker, Clerk of Superior Court - Cherokee County, GA

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CHEROKEE COUNTY
BLUE RIDGE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN RE: Extension of Judicial Emergency

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ORDER DECLARING EXTENSION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

On March 14, 2020, Chief Justice Harold Melton of the Supreme Court of Georgia entered an order declaring a state-wide judicial emergency. Thereafter, this Court entered a series of Orders to confirm and implement the provisions of the Chief Justice’s Order. These Orders are reaffirmed and incorporated by reference, except as may be modified herein.¹

On April 6, 2020, Chief Justice Melton entered an Order extending the state-wide judicial emergency until May 13, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Said Order is incorporated by reference herein. Therefore, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-60(2)(D) and O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61, a judicial emergency is declared by this Order, and shall affect all courts and clerk’s offices in the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit.

Accordingly, it is the Order of the Court that the Master Calendar of the Superior Court is suspended during the extension of the emergency period. Jury trials scheduled the week of May 18, 2020 are hereby suspended.

The Court has published a protocol memorandum for scheduling of negotiated pleas and revocations by videoconferencing. Said protocol remains in effect for the duration of the state of judicial emergency.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-63, it is Ordered that the Sheriff of Cherokee County shall post this Order on his public notification site and in the Frank C. Mills, III Justice Center; that this Order shall immediately be served upon Chief Justice Harold D. Melton of the Supreme

¹ Those orders are as follows: Order to Address Essential Functions, filed March 18, 2020 at Superior Court Minute Book 201, Page 2229; Order on Public Access, filed March 26, 2020 at Superior Court Minute Book 201, Page 2231; and First Amendment to Order to Address Essential Functions, filed March 27, 2020 at Superior Court Minute Book 201, Page 2233.

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Court of Georgia, such service to be accomplished via email to Tee Barnes, the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Georgia, at barnest@gasupreme.us; that this Order shall immediately be served upon the judges and clerks of all courts sitting within the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit 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 this Order shall be published on the Court Administrator's website for notice to the affected parties, counsel for the affected parties, and the public.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 7 day of April, 2020 at 10:48

a.m./~~p.m.~~

/s/ Ellen McElyea

Ellen McElyea, Chief Judge
Superior Court of Cherokee County
Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit