

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PICKENS COUNTY
APPALACHIAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**TO THE JUDGES AND CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
TO THE JUDGES AND CLERK OF MAGISTRATE COURT
TO THE JUDGES AND CLERK OF PROBATE COURT
TO THE JUDGES AND CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT
TO THE JUDGES AND CLERK OF JUVENILE COURT**

ORDER

DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, it has been determined that Hurricane Helene is expected to strike Georgia on September 26 and 27, 2024. On September 24, 2024, Governor Brian P. Kemp declared a State of Emergency for the State of Georgia. On Wednesday, September 25, 2024, the Pickens County Board of Commissioners announced that the Pickens County Courthouse will be closed on Friday, September 27, 2024. On Thursday, September 26, 2024, the Pickens County Board of Commissioners announced that the Pickens County courthouse would close at noon on September 26, 2024. The public will not have access to the courthouse when it is closed. Additionally, the hurricane may cause difficulties electronically filing;

WHEREAS, per OCGA § 38-3-61, it has been determined that a judicial emergency exists in Pickens County. The emergency substantially endangers or infringes upon the normal functioning of the judicial system, the ability of persons to avail themselves of the judicial system, or the ability of litigants or others to have access to the courts or meet scheduled or time deadlines imposed by the court order or rule, statute of administrative rule or regulation. **The judicial emergency shall begin at noon on Thursday, September 26, 2024, and shall end on Monday, September 30, 2024, when the courthouse opens for normal business unless otherwise ordered by the Court, and;**

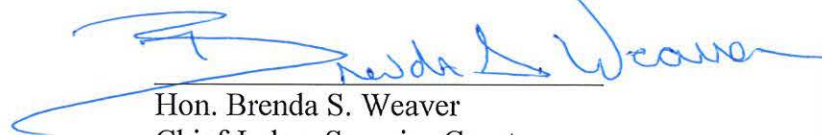
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62, all court deadlines, time schedules or filing requirements are hereby suspended, tolled, or extended for the duration of the judicial emergency. To account for potential disruptions in communication by lawyers, parties, and others due to the hurricane, and due to the closure of the courthouse beginning at noon on Thursday, September 26, 2024, it is hereby ordered that all filings with deadlines on Thursday, September 26, 2024 and Friday, September 27, 2024, are extended until Monday, September 30, 2024, unless otherwise ordered by the Court; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Sheriff or his/her designee shall post a copy of this notice on the courthouse doors; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the undersigned Judge's designee shall immediately notify the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Clerks of the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court by sending them a copy of this notice, in addition to posting the same on the Judicial Circuit website; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, the Clerk of Superior Court, or his/her designee, shall post a copy of this notice and any subsequent modification or extension in accordance with O.C.G.A § 38-3-63 by publishing it on the county website or other appropriate public address system to reach affected parties, counsel for the affected parties, and the public.

SO ORDERED this 26th day of September, 2024, at 11 : 30 a.m./p.m.,
Pickens County Courthouse, Jasper, Georgia.



Hon. Brenda S. Weaver
Chief Judge, Superior Court
Appalachian Judicial Circuit