

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

**TO THE JUDGES AND CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF MAGISTRATE COURT
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF PROBATE COURT
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF JUVENILE COURT**

ORDER

DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the National Weather Service anticipates a winter storm is expected to strike Georgia on January 10, 2025. In preparation thereof, on January 9, 2025, the Board of Commissioners in each county of the Appalachian Judicial Circuit (Pickens, Fannin and Gilmer) announced that their county's courthouse will be closed on January 10, 2025. The public will not have access to the courthouses during the closure, and the storm may cause power outages and difficulties electronically filing;

WHEREAS, per OCGA § 38-3-61, it has been determined that a judicial emergency exists in the Counties of Pickens, Fannin, and Gilmer. 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 on Friday, January 10, 2025, and shall end on Monday, January 13, 2025, when each 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 snowstorm and due to the closure of the courthouses on Friday, January 10, 2025, it is hereby ordered that all filings with deadlines on Friday, January 10, 2025, are extended until Monday, January 13, 2025, 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

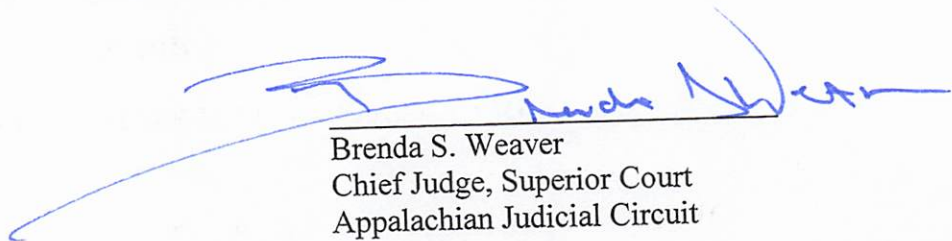
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that anyone requiring the Court's involvement in an emergency situation on January 10, 2025, should email superiorcourttappalachian@gmail.com or call 706-299-1090.

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 a copy of this notice on the Appalachian Judicial Circuit website; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each Clerk of Superior Court of the Appalachian Judicial Circuit, or 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 9th day of January, 2025, at 12 : 50 p.m., Jasper, Georgia.



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