

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GWINNETT COUNTY 20 MAR 30 AM 10:16

STATE OF GEORGIA

ALMALEX ALEXANDER, CLERK

IN RE: :  
DECLARATION OF :  
JUDICIAL EMERGENCY :  
:  
March 30, 2020 :

20-AA-0030

ORDER EXTENDING JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED that a Judicial Emergency exists in Gwinnett County, Georgia affecting all courts such that there is a serious health emergency pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-60(2)(D).<sup>1</sup> That order issued by this Court on March 13, 2020 is hereby incorporated herein.

WHEREAS effective March 14, 2020 the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia has also determined that a statewide judicial emergency exists and which order declares an emergency extending to April 13, 2020. That order issued by the Chief Justice is also hereby incorporated herein.

Therefore, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61, The Honorable Chief Judge George F. Hutchinson, III of the Superior Court of Gwinnett County, Gwinnett Judicial Circuit DOES HEREBY ORDER AND DECLARES AGAIN the existence of a Judicial Emergency in the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit. The nature of this emergency is the continued transmission of Coronavirus/COVID-19 throughout Gwinnett County and the potential infection of those who

<sup>1</sup> See O.C.G.A. § 38-3-60(2)(D) (providing that “Judicial Emergency” means “[s]uch other serious emergency”).

Georgia, Gwinnett County  
This is to certify this is a true and correct copy  
of order as the same appears of record  
in Gwinnett County Superior/State Court.  
Given under my official signature and seal  
of the Court this 30th day of March, 2020  
Almalex Alexander  
Deputy Clerk Superior/State Court, Gwinnett County, Georgia

are required to appear in our courts and interact with large groups due to jury service, including grand jury service and non-essential calendars. **Thus, the undersigned hereby extends the duration of the Order Declaring Judicial Emergency filed on March 13, 2020 affecting all courts and clerk's offices in Gwinnett County until April 13, 2020 at 11:59 PM.** Should the Statewide Judicial Emergency be extended by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, this emergency declaration shall also be extended to the same extent as the statewide order but for no more time than that allowed by O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61(b).

IT IS ORDERED that the Sheriff of Gwinnett County shall post this Order on his public notification site and in the courthouses;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the undersigned shall immediately notify and serve Chief Justice Harold D. Melton of the Supreme Court with a copy of this Order, such service to be accomplished via email to Tee Barnes, the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Georgia, at [barnest@gasupreme.us](mailto:barnest@gasupreme.us);

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 the jurisdictions affected 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 the affected parties, counsel for the affected parties, and the public.

SO ORDERED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 at 10:05 A.M./P.M.

  
GEORGE F. HUTCHINSON, III  
Chief Judge, Superior Court of Gwinnett County

Copies to:

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court  
Clerk of the Supreme Court  
Clerk of the Court of Appeals  
Judges of the Gwinnett Superior Court  
Judges of the Gwinnett State Court  
Chief Magistrate of Gwinnett County  
Clerk of Superior, State & Magistrate Courts  
Chief Probate Court Judge  
Judges of the Juvenile Court of Gwinnett County  
Recorders Court Judges of Gwinnett County  
District Attorney  
State Court Solicitor General  
Sheriff of Gwinnett County