

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CANDLER COUNTY
MIDDLE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**TO THE JUDGES AND CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
TO THE JUDGE AND CLERK OF STATE COURT
TO THE JUDGE AND CLERK OF PROBATE COURT
TO THE JUDGE AND CLERK OF MAGISTRATE COURT
TO THE JUDGE AND CLERK OF JUVENILE COURT
TO THE JUDGE AND CLERK OF DRUG COURT
TO THE JUDGE AND CLERK OF PARENT ACCOUNTABILITY COURT**

ORDER - DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a judicial emergency exists in this county having been so declared by the Governor and the Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court;

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the undersigned that the Candler County Courthouse has recently been exposed to COVID 19. In response and out of an abundance of caution, the National Guard shall conduct a thorough cleaning of the courthouse, and the undersigned has determined the best practices dictate a further and more concerted effort in social distancing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61, the Courthouse in Candler County, shall be closed Friday, July 10th, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., or until further order of the Court. Provided this order is not extended or otherwise modified, the courthouse will re-open for normal operations on Monday, July 13th, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. During this period of closure, one or more deputies of the Candler County Sheriff's Department will be situated inside the front door of the courthouse and available to handle and direct any interested person to the appropriate authority or county officer for any emergency or any need which would otherwise be handled in the courthouse; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62, all court deadlines, time schedules for filing requirements are hereby suspended, tolled, or extended

for the duration of the judicial emergency as noted above; and

IT IS FURTHERED ORDERED that the Sheriff, or his designee, shall post a copy of this notice on the courthouse door; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Superior Court, or her designee, shall immediately notify the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Clerk of the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court by sending them a copy of this notice; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the County Manager, or his designee, shall post a copy of this notice and any subsequent modification or extension in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 38-3-63 on the county website or other appropriated public address system.

SO ORDERED this 10th day of July, 2020.



ROBERT S. REEVES, Chief Judge
Candler County Superior Court
Middle Judicial Circuit

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