

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

IN RE: JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

ORDER DECLARING WEATHER-RELATED JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

1.

Cherokee County is facing a significant weather emergency due to the harsh winter conditions. The accumulation of snow and ice poses a serious threat to safe travel to the courthouse. Additionally, there is a risk of power outages, which would disrupt court operations and make it impossible to conduct normal business within the courthouse. This situation has the potential to severely impact the functioning of the Cherokee County courts and impede access to justice.

2.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-60, *et seq.*, Chief Judge David L. Cannon Jr. of the Superior Court for the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit of Georgia, **HEREBY DECLARES** the existence of a Judicial Emergency in Cherokee County, Georgia due to the issues and conditions listed in paragraph 1.

3.

The Court **HEREBY ORDERS** that pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-60 *et seq.*, the Superior Court, State Court, Juvenile Court, Probate Court, and the Clerk's offices of said courts shall be closed to the public from 8 AM on Friday, January 10, 2025, until 8 AM on Monday, January 13, 2025.

4.

The Court further **ORDERS** that the Magistrate Court will remain open only for essential judicial proceedings as directed by the Chief Magistrate. However, the Magistrate Court may operate remotely, and employees may work remotely during the emergency to support any essential proceedings, if directed to by the appropriate authority.

5.

During the period when the Cherokee County Courthouse is closed, the Court **HEREBY** suspends, tolls, extends, and otherwise grants relief from all deadlines or other time schedules or filing requirements imposed by otherwise applicable statutes, rules regulations, or court orders, whether in civil or criminal cases, pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-62(a) until Monday, January 13, 2025.

6.

Cherokee County courts will continue normal 24/7 access to justice with our e-filing system. For detailed instructions, the latest updates, and answers to frequently asked questions about e-filing, please visit the Clerk of Courts website at: **www.cherokeecourtclerk.com**

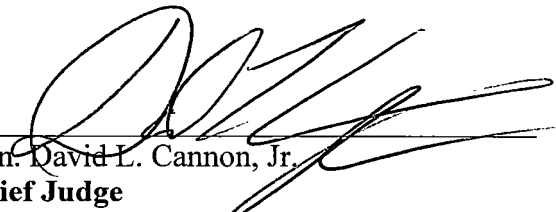
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Pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-61, anyone requiring the Court's involvement in an emergency should call the Cherokee County Court Administrator at jlovercash@cherokeega.com.

8.

Upon issuance of this **ORDER**, pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-63, the Court shall cause by and through the Court Administrator (1) immediate notification of this action to the Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court, (2) notification and service of this order on the judges and clerks of all courts sitting within the jurisdiction affected and on the clerks of the Georgia Court of Appeals and the Georgia Supreme Court, and (3) notice of the issuance of the order to the affected parties, counsel for the affected parties, and the public.

SO ORDERED, this 9th day of January, 2025.


Hon. David L. Cannon, Jr.
Chief Judge
Superior Court of Cherokee County
Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit