

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY
STONE MOUNTAIN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: *
Declaration of Judicial Emergency *
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Date: June 7, 2021 *
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ORDER DECLARING JUDICIAL EMERGENCY (15th)

(Extended through June 30, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.)

On March 14, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Honorable Harold D. Melton, as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, issued an Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-61. That Order has been extended fourteen times, with modifications, by orders issued on April 6, May 11, June 12, July 10, August 11, September 10, October 10, November 9, and December 9, 2020 (with Section I (B) relating to conducting jury trials modified on December 23, 2020), and on January 8, February 7, March 9, April 8, and May 8, 2021.

After consulting with the Judicial Council of Georgia and other judicial partners, and because the novel coronavirus continues to significantly affect Georgia’s judicial system, it is hereby determined that the Order should be extended again. **However, as discussed in the Notice of Expected Termination of Statewide Judicial Emergency on June 30, 2021 issued separately today by the Chief Justice, it is anticipated that the Public Health State of Emergency declared by the Governor may expire at 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30, 2021. Accordingly, the Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency, which would have expired on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 11:59 p.m., is further extended but only until Wednesday, June 30, at 11:59 p.m. If the Public Health State of**

