IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY WESTERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE OF GEORGIA

TO THE JUDGE(S) 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 JUVENILE COURT TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT

Filed This 21st Day of January, 2028. Elisa Zanato

ORDER CLOSING COURTHOUSE

AND

DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

Elisa Zarate, Clerk of Court
Office of Superior & State Courts
for Athens-Clarke County

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2025, Interim Manager Brad Griffin declared that given deteriorating road conditions and the winter weather, ACCGov will be closing at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 and delaying opening until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS, all general office operations of the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government (ACCGov) and workstations for non-emergency personnel will remain closed until tomorrow, January 22, at 10:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, 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;

IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61, the Athens-Clarke County Courthouse shall be closed on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m., and will reopen at 10 a.m. Superior, Magistrate, Probate, and Juvenile Court shall be closed from January 22, 2025 at 8 a.m. until January 22, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Filings may still be made remotely with the Clerks of the Courts located at the Athens-Clarke County Courthouse through the following websites:

Superior Court, State Court, Juvenile Court: Civil and Criminal Cases:
 https://peachcourt.com/ and https://www.accgov.com/324/Clerk-of-Superior-State-Courts

 All after hours procedures involving CHINS, Delinquency and DFACS matters shall remain in full force and effect.

For emergency matters that require Court involvement, or for the need to speak to a court official on an emergency basis, please call the Athens-Clarke County Clerk of Court, Elisa Zarate, at 762-400-6497 or the Athens-Clarke County Sheriff's Office, Courthouse Division at 706-613-3250.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62, all court deadlines falling on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 are hereby suspended, tolled, or extended until Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 10 a.m.

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IT SO ORDERED, at 7:45 p.m. this 21st day of January, 2025.

Chief Judge Lisa Lott Western Judicial Circuit