

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PICKENS COUNTY
APPALACHIAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA

ORDER DECLARING WEATHER-RELATED JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

The undersigned judicial official, acting under authority of O.C.G.A. § 38-3-60 *et seq.*, hereby declares the existence of a judicial emergency in Pickens County of the Appalachian Judicial Circuit, as the result of a weather system with lightning, rain, and wind that occurred on the evening of March 21, 2017, which caused long lasting power outages, closure of the Pickens Courthouse by the County Commissioner, cancellation of school and court, and hazardous road travel due to fallen trees and debris. This weather system substantially endangered or infringed upon the normal functioning of the judicial system and the ability of jurors, litigants, and other persons to have access to the courts or to meet schedules or time deadlines imposed by court order, rule, statute, or administrative rule or regulation.

PICKENS COUNTY

For Pickens County, a judicial emergency began at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 22, 2017, and ended at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

For the period of the judicial emergency defined above specific to Pickens County, the undersigned hereby suspends, tolls, extends, or otherwise grants relief from deadlines, other time schedules, or filing requirements enumerated in O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62.

Let the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia be notified of this action *instanter* by fax or email transmission. Let all Judges and the Clerk of Pickens County Superior Court and the Clerks of the Georgia Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Georgia be notified and served with a copy of this action by fax or e-mail transmission. Let the presiding Judge or the Clerk of Court for each court in each county provide notice of this Order to affected parties, to their counsel, and to the public either by direct announcement or by posting a copy in a place of public view in each clerk's office, on the county's or the clerk's website, and/or at other public view location(s).

This 22 day of March, 2017 at 4:42 o'clock p.m.



HON. BRENDA S. WEAVER
CHIEF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE
APPALACHIAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
PICKENS COUNTY, GEORGIA