

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DADE COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN RE:

**DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL
EMERGENCY**

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BY Gayle D. Pace
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

ORDER

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 38-3-61, et seq., and Rule 45 of the Uniform Rules for the Superior Courts, the undersigned Judge of the Superior Court for the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit of Georgia does hereby declare the existence of a Judicial Emergency in Dade County, Georgia. The nature of the emergency is a potential danger to courthouse staff and the public due to the imminent threat of severe inclement weather affecting travel to and from the courthouse facilities which is expected Friday, January 10, 2025. The Courthouse will be closed to employees and the public on January 10, 2025.

This order shall immediately be posted in the Dade County Courthouse interior and exterior and the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit Website.

Accordingly, it is the order of the Court that the Dade County Courthouse be closed for business on Friday, January 10, 2025, and reopen for business on Monday, January 13, 2025, at the regular time.

During the period when the Dade 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 or administrative matters, including, but not limited to:

1. Statute of limitations;
2. The time within which to issue a warrant;
3. The time within which to try a case for which a demand for speedy trial has been filed;
4. The time within which to hold a commitment hearing;

5. A deadline or other schedule regarding the detention of a juvenile;
6. The time within which to return a bill of indictment or an accusation or to bring a matter before the grant jury
7. The time within which to file a writ of habeas corpus;
8. The time within which to discovery any aspect thereof is to be completed;
9. The time within which to serve a party;
10. The time within which to appeal or to seek the right to appeal any order, ruling or other determination;
11. The time within which responsive pleadings are due;
12. Such other legal proceedings as may be determined to be necessary.

The governing authority of Dade County has declared that the courthouse be closed during this period of emergency. However, anyone requiring the Court's involvement in an emergency situation should call 706-657-7131 for the Dade County Superior Court, Dade County Probate Court at 706-657-4414, Dade County Juvenile Court at 706-657-6056 or the Dade County Magistrate Court at 706-657-4113.

SO ORDERED THIS 9TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.



**BRIAN HOUSE, CHIEF JUDGE
LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

cc: Chief Justice, Georgia Supreme Court
Clerk of the Georgia Supreme Court
Clerk of the Georgia Court of Appeals
All Judges and Clerks of Court
District Attorney