## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY HOUSTON JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE OF GEORGIA

TO THE JUDGES AND CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF STATE 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 MUNICIPAL COURT TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF JUVENILE COURT FILED IN OFFICE, SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY

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## ORDER

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## DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a judicial emergency exists in this county such that there is local emergency due to a hurricane expected to affect this Circuit beginning noon of Thursday, September 26, 2024.

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 Courts of Houston County shall be closed from noon on Thursday September 26, 2024 until 9:00am on Monday September 30, 2024; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62, all court deadlines, time schedules or filing requirements are hereby suspended, tolled, or extended for the duration of the judicial emergency as noted above; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Sheriff or his/her designee shall post a copy of this notice on the courthouse doors; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Superior Court, or his/her designee, shall immediately notify the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Clerks of the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court by sending them a copy of this notice; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, the County Manager, or his/her designee, shall post a copy of this notice and any subsequent modification or extension in accordance with O.C.G.A § 38-3-63 by posting it on the county website or other appropriate public address system.

SO ORDERED this 25th day of September, 202

Edward D. Lukemire Chief Judge, Houston Superior Court