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ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

For as long as a statewide judicial emergency is in effect, courts within the Toombs Judicial Circuit will address essential functions as set forth by the Supreme Court of Georgia Chief Justice Harold D. Melton's Amended Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency dated March 14, 2020. This Court provides further clarification regarding essential functions as follows:

Superior Court: Essential functions include criminal court search warrants, arrest warrants, initial appearances, bond hearings, domestic abuse temporary protective orders and restraining orders.

All civil hearings, jury trials, bench trials, pre-trials, calendar calls, arraignments, probation revocation hearings, grand juries, child support court, parental accountability court and other non-essential matters will be rescheduled.

Magistrate Court: Essential functions include first appearance hearings, bond hearings, arrest warrants, and search warrant applications.

Probate Court: Essential functions include involuntary mental health commitment proceedings and initial records disposition permits.

Juvenile Court: Essential functions include matters necessary to protect health, safety, and liberty of individuals, including delinquency detention hearings and emergency removal matters.

Municipal Court: All Municipal Court hearings are suspended.