



## Magistrate Court of Columbia County MAR 17 PM 3: 52

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## ORDER PURSUANT TO DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Governor has determined that a Public Health State of Emergency Exists in the State of Georgia due to the spread of Coronavirus/COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Honorable Harold D. Melton, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, has declared a Statewide Judicial Emergency in the State of Georgia due to said virus;

WHEREAS, the Honorable Carl C. Brown, Jr., Chief Judge of the Columbia County Superior Court Augusta Judicial Circuit has declared a Judicial Emergency due to said virus;

NOW THEREFORE, effective immediately and with the exception of initial appearances conducted by video conference, the Magistrate Court of Columbia County postpones all court hearings and calendars until April 13, 2020. Arrest warrant and search warrant applications will continue as usual.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, the Court will continue to accept court filings. However, all filing deadlines are tolled until April 13, 2020.

SO ORDERED this 17th day of March, 2020.

Jason R. Troiano

Chief Magistrate Judge

Columbia County, Georgia