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- Whereas:The State of Georgia is operating under a public health statewide emergency order from
Governor Brian Kemp directing all state agencies to assist in activities to address the
COVID 19 public health emergency; and
- **Whereas:** The Georgia Supreme Court has issued an emergency order limiting operations of the court to critical services; and
- **Whereas:** Numerous local governments have similarly issued orders restricting both public and private operations; and
- Whereas: The Office of Superior Court Clerk is vital to the essential operations of the courts; and
- Whereas: The Office of Superior Court Clerk is vital to the real estate industry in Georgia.

Now, therefore, the Council of Superior Court Clerks provides the following advisory to All Filers and the Public regarding the COVID19 National Emergency.

Clerks of Superior Court in the 159 counties in Georgia will provide reasonable access to all Real Estate filers and reasonable access to all document recordings of land records in their respective counties during the COVID19 state and national emergency. Should physical access to a Courthouse not be available, the Clerk will provide the option to file or access documents by mail, by dropbox, or electronically;

Clerks of Superior Court will make every effort to ensure that all filings to their civil, criminal and real estate systems are accepted and recorded in a timely manner during this national emergency.

Honorable Cindy Mason Council President Clerk of Superior Court, Columbia County, GA