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**DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY FOR CONDUCTING GRAND
JURY SELECTION**

WHEREAS, Grand Jury selection takes place in the jury room on the first floor of the administrative tower of the DeKalb County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, the current health risks associated with the COVID-19 virus renders access to the courthouse impractical, and

WHEREAS, the auditorium in the Manuel J. Maloof Building, 1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur, DeKalb County, Georgia has sufficient space available to safely hold grand jury selection,

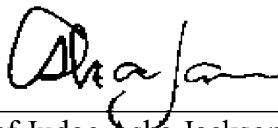
NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-61, the auditorium in the Manuel J. Maloof Building shall be designated as part of the DeKalb County Courthouse for the purposes of conducting grand jury selection.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that this designation will continue until such time as the Chief Judge of DeKalb County Superior Court deems the jury room on the first floor of the administrative tower of the DeKalb County Courthouse to be safe for resuming jury selection.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that notice and service of a copy of this Order shall immediately be sent to the judges and the clerk of court for the Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice shall also be sent to the media, the State Bar of Georgia, the DeKalb County District Attorney, the DeKalb County Public Defenders' Office, the Sheriff of DeKalb County, and the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia.

SO ORDERED this 22nd day of September 2020.



Chief Judge Asha Jackson
Superior Court of DeKalb County
Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit