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CERTIFICATE RELATED TO TROPICAL CYCLONE HELENE

Pursuant to the Chief Justice's Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency entered on **September 30, 2024**, **Appellant/Appellee/Petitioner/etc.**] certifies that **[this filing/specify non-filing action]** is timely **[submitted/taken]**, taking into account the suspension of filing deadlines as prescribed by the Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency entered on **September 30, 2024**, [and as extended or otherwise prescribed by _____ (*list statewide and/or local judicial emergency and/or extension orders, as applicable*)]. Specifically:

(a) This filing was due on _____.

(b) The number of days that remained before the date specified in (a), as of the suspension of the deadline on **[Date of Emergency Order, Date of Extended Emergency Order, or date of local judicial emergency order]**, was _____.

(c) This filing is timely because it is being filed within the number of days specified in (b), counting from **[Date Suspension Lifted/Expired]**. (*If this new filing deadline falls on a weekend or legal holiday, the due date is to be calculated in accordance with OCGA § 1-3-1 (d) (3).*)

To the extent the deadline for this filing has been affected by any local judicial emergency order entered by the chief judge of a superior court or by any case-specific trial court order, a copy of such order(s) is attached hereto.

The undersigned further certifies that:

(a) The effects of tropical cyclone Helene have prevented the undersigned from timely compliance with the applicable deadline for the above-specified filing or action, as explained below, and also prevented belated compliance materially earlier than the time of certification;

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- (b) **[explanation of what those effects were and how they prevented earlier compliance, not to exceed 100 words]; and**
- (c) This Certification is made with the knowledge that the statements contained within it are made subject to the provisions of OCGA § 16-10-20, 16-10-20.1, and other provisions of state law and rules of professional conduct prohibiting false statements

Respectfully submitted, this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Signature