

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE**

**DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY**

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**LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2023-01**

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**A DECLARATION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR CHEROKEE COUNTY, GEORGIA; TO ENACT THE CHEROKEE COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN; TO ENACT TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS IN CHEROKEE COUNTY, GEORGIA TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS.**

**WHEREAS**, on July 20, 2023, severe thunderstorms passed through Cherokee County, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, heavy rains and strong winds resulted in numerous power outages, property damage, and downed trees in Cherokee County, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, as such, there exists emergency circumstances requiring extraordinary and immediate corrective acts for the protection of the health and safety of citizens of Cherokee County, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, to prevent and/or minimize injury to people and damage to property resulting from this event, the Chairman of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners hereby desires to declare a local state of emergency exists.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** Cherokee County, Georgia is declared to be under a local state of emergency which shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days beginning July 20, 2023, and ending at 11:59 p.m. on August 18, 2023, unless modified by subsequent order. This local state of emergency shall apply to all portions, including the incorporated areas, of Cherokee County, Georgia. The intent of this Order is to ensure that proper precautions and remedies are enacted to ensure the safety and health of the citizens of Cherokee County, Georgia. The Chairman is hereby authorized to suspend any law, code provision, or regulation prescribing the procedures for conduct of county business, or the orders, rules or regulations of any county agency, if strict

compliance with any ordinance, resolution, order, rule or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency or disaster, provided that such suspension shall provide for the minimum deviation from the requirements under the circumstances and further provided that, when practicable, specialists shall be assigned to avoid adverse effects resulting from such suspension. Such declaration of local emergency shall automatically activate the Emergency Operations Plan for Cherokee County, Georgia.

**SO RESOLVED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 26th day of July 2023.

By:   
HARRY B. JOHNSTON, Chairman

Attest:   
CHRISTY BLACK, County Clerk

(SEAL)

