

**ORDER OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE
OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

On 19 March 2020, I issued an [order](#) pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 7A-39(b)(1) extending time and periods of limitation for documents and papers due to be filed and acts due to be done in the trial courts. My order was in response to the public health threat posed by the COVID-19 outbreak and was intended to reduce the spread of infection in courthouses throughout the state.

The deadline set for filings and other acts by my previous order is 17 April 2020. Late April, however, may be the apex of the outbreak in North Carolina. An additional extension of time and periods of limitation pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 7A-39(b)(1) is therefore necessary.

Accordingly, I hereby determine and declare under N.C.G.S. § 7A-39(b)(1) that catastrophic conditions resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak have existed and continue to exist in all counties of this state.

**Extension of Time and Periods of Limitation
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 7A-39(b)(1)**

I order that all pleadings, motions, notices, and other documents and papers that were or are due to be filed in any county of this state on or after 16 March 2020 and before the close of business on 1 June 2020 in civil actions, criminal actions, estates, and special proceedings shall be deemed to be timely filed if they are filed before the close of business on 1 June 2020.

I further order that all other acts that were or are due to be done in any county of this state on or after 16 March 2020 and before the close of business on 1 June 2020 in civil actions, criminal actions, estates, and special proceedings shall be deemed to be timely done if they are done before the close of business on 1 June 2020.

This order does not apply to documents and papers due to be filed or acts due to be done in the appellate courts.

**Extension of Time in Bail Bond Forfeiture Proceedings
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 7A-39(b)(1)**

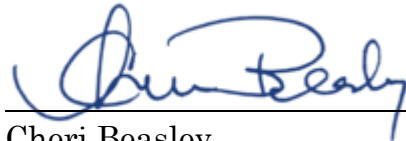
Notwithstanding the extension of time provided above, in proceedings for forfeiture of bail bonds under Part 2 of Article 26 of Chapter 15A of the General Statutes for which disposition by entry of final judgment under N.C.G.S. § 15A-544.6 or by grant of a motion to set aside under N.C.G.S. § 15A-544.5(d)(4) is due to occur on or after 14 April 2020 and before or on 29 September 2020, any motion to set aside or any objection to a motion to set aside that is due to be filed within that period shall

be deemed to be timely filed if it is filed before the close of business on 30 September 2020.

In order to implement this extension, any entry of final judgment under N.C.G.S. § 15A-544.6 or any grant of a motion to set aside under N.C.G.S. § 15A-544.5(d)(4) that is due to occur on or after 14 April 2020 and before or on 29 September 2020, is hereby stayed until after the close of business on 30 September 2020.

Additional emergency orders or directives under N.C.G.S. § 7A-39(b) may be entered as necessary to support the continuing operation of essential court functions.

Issued this the 13th day of April, 2020.



Cheri Beasley
Chief Justice
Supreme Court of North Carolina