

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

On 13 April 2020, I issued an [order](#) pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 7A-39(b)(1) extending time in certain proceedings for forfeiture of bail bonds under Part 2 of Article 26 of Chapter 15A of the General Statutes. I issued an [order](#) with an additional extension of time in those proceedings on 30 September 2020 and another [order](#) on 30 November 2020. My orders were in response to the public health threat posed by the COVID-19 outbreak and were intended to reduce the spread of infection throughout the state.

A further extension of time pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 7A-39(b)(1) is now 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.

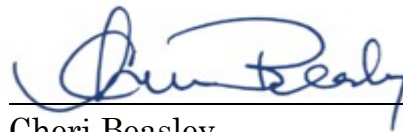
**Extension of Time in Bail Bond Forfeiture Proceedings  
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 7A-39(b)(1)**

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 30 January 2021, 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 31 January 2021.

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) due to occur on or after 14 April 2020 and before or on 30 January 2021, is hereby stayed until after the close of business on 31 January 2021.

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 31st day of December, 2020.



Cheri Beasley  
Chief Justice  
Supreme Court of North Carolina