RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARSHALLVILLE, GEORGIA AND THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY RESPONSES TO THE COVID 19 CORONOVIRUS PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 Coronavirus as a pandemic and encouraged all countries to take urgent and aggressive action; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency regarding COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, Governor Brian Kemp of the State of Georgia declared a Public Health State of Emergency regarding COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has caused or contributed to numerous deaths in various counties throughout the State of Georgia, and numerous persons have been infected with the virus; and

WHEREAS, some of those who died from or who have been infected with COVID-19 appears to have been infected by attending public gatherings where other people either carried the virus or were already infected by it; and

WHEREAS, medical professionals have determined COVID-19 is easily transmitted from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marshallville has numerous recreational facilities, churches, and other common places for Marshallville citizens and visitors to the City of Marshallville; and

WHEREAS, health experts have encouraged elderly citizens to remain in their residences, businesses to allow employees to work remotely, when possible, and citizens to maintain a distance of six (6) feet from others, when possible, to avoid gatherings of more than ten (10) persons and to practice social distancing; and

WHEREAS, medical professionals have encouraged the City of Marshallville to take aggressive steps to contain the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Marshallville Mayor and Council, with advice from the Macon County Emergency Management Agency, action needs to be taken to comply with recommendations from federal and state officials regarding limitations of meetings where groups of people may congregate and spread the virus from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marshallville Mayor and Council desires to take all actions necessary or appropriate to reduce the possibility of exposure of the COVID-19, to control the risk to public health and safety due to COVID-19, to promote the health of the City's citizens and to take additional measures to prevent or reduce the likelihood of the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, in order to mitigate or alleviate some of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in the City of Marshallville certain actions are needed, including (but not limited to) those outlined on Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, based upon the President's Declaration of National Emergency and the Governor's Health State of Emergency, We believe that it is the best interest of the welfare of the City of Marshallville and its residents to declare a local state of emergency to activate certain emergency powers under the Macon County Emergency Operations Ordinance;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Marshallville by local and state law:

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that a **local Public Health state of emergency** exists due to the CODID-19 pandemic:

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

The provisions of this resolution shall be effective at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 and shall remain in effect until terminated by resolution of the City of Marshallville Mayor and Council.

SO, DECLARED AND RESOLVED this 24th day of March 2020.

MARSHALLVILLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Valery Davis Mayor

ATTESTED

Jenifer Mankamyer, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

- (1) Limitations on Gatherings. During the health emergency described above, the following shall apply for the purpose of limiting gatherings and assemblies:
- a. A Public gathering or private gathering of more than ten (10) persons are prohibited anywhere in Marshallville for the duration of this resolution. For the purpose of this resolution, a gathering is any indoor and outdoor event or assembly, which brings together or is likely to bring together, ten (10) or more persons at the same time in a single room or others single confined or enclosed space, such as an auditorium, stadium (indoor or outdoor), tent, arena, event center, music venue, meeting hall. This includes religious services.

 Gatherings that do NOT fall under his order are government operations, residential buildings, grocery stores or pharmacies, and educational institutions.
- b. Voluntary shelter at home: The City of Marshallville Mayor and Council request that all persons within the City voluntarily shelter at home and not leave their home or loiter, wander, stroll, or play in public place with the City, except as follow:
 - When a person is on an errand necessitated due to an emergency.
 - When a person is traveling or returning directly home from lawful employment or otherwise engaged in lawful employment or otherwise engaged in lawful employment that makes it necessary to leave home.
 - When a person is engaged in interstate and intrastate vehicular travel through the county.
 - When a person is procuring essential food or medicine or seeking essential medical care or providing essential food, medicine, or medical care to another person.

The City of Marshallville Mayor and Council may issue a mandatory shelter at home order, with appropriate exemptions, in the near future should it become necessary to protect public health and safety and encourage all citizens and businesses to take immediate action to prepare in advance for such a contingency.

- (2) Business closures and/or modifications are required as follows:
- Restaurants shall close to the public except to provide takeout, delivery, drive-thru or curbside service
- All places providing body care services (barber shops, salons, massage parlors, tattoo shops, etc.) shall close
- All indoor recreation facilities like gyms, health studios, yoga studios, arcades, and like venues are closed for business
- Veterans Park, Julius Rice Park & Pavilion, the Senior Citizens Center and Lamson Richardson Center will be closed
- Convenient stores, grocery stores, and all other retail businesses will be permitted to stay open AS LONG AS steps are taken to ensure customers and employees are not within 6 feet of each other and that employees do not work if they are showing symptoms or living with someone with symptoms. This includes gaming areas.

It is punishable with a fine up to \$1,000 and up to 60 days in jail.

Point of Clarification for the Declaration of Local Public Health Emergency – Marshallville, Georgia

Regarding local businesses that are not specifically addressed in the declaration and are considered "essential" in their provision of goods and services (i.e. International Paper, repair shops, energy providers, agricultural operations, etc.).

- These businesses and operations are instructed to follow the state guidelines regarding social distancing and limiting access to the public in their place of business.
- Businesses with normal daytime operating hours should adhere to the curfew.
- Local law enforcement has been informed of businesses that remain fully operational (i.e. International Paper, dairies, poultry processing, etc.) and their workers will be allowed to travel in and out of the area.
- In addition, any workers providing critical infrastructure support (i.e. utility workers, transportation, etc.) are exempted from the curfew.