

AN AMENDED RESOLUTION OF THE RABUN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Rabun County, Georgia has experienced an event of critical significance as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) disease ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, (the "CDC") indicates that COVID-19 is a new and contagious respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that was first detected in China and which has now been detected in more than 190 locations around the world, including in the United States; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is officially a global pandemic according to the World Health Organization ("WHO"); and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency for the United States of America in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, Governor Brian Kemp declared a public health emergency due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has issued guidance on the emerging and rapidly evolving situation of the COVID-19 pandemic, including how to protect oneself from illness; and

WHEREAS, social distancing is recommended by the CDC to prevent the continued spreading of the illness in the community; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Donald Trump issued his Coronavirus Guidelines for America which instructs people to listen to their local authorities and to avoid social gatherings of more than (10) people; and

WHEREAS, cities, states, and counties, including but not limited to, Alameda County, California, the City of Los Angeles, California, the City of Seattle, Washington, and the states of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut have imposed temporary restrictions related to public and private gatherings to stop large numbers of people from gathering and staying in close proximity during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the CDC expects that additional cases of COVID-19 will be identified in the coming days, including more cases in the United States, and that person-to-person spread is likely to continue to occur; and

WHEREAS, local emergency hospital personnel have reported that they are testing patients with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and that there is shortage of personal

protective equipment which places the health, safety, and welfare of emergency medical personnel at risk and the general public; and

WHEREAS, medical professionals have advised that if COVID-19 spreads in Rabun County and the rest of Georgia, at a rate comparable to the rate of spread in other affected areas, it may greatly strain the resources and capabilities of county and municipal governments, including public health agencies, that provide essential services for containing and mitigating the spread of contagious diseases such as COVID-19 and the situation may become too large in scope to be handled in its entirety by the normal county and municipal operating services in some parts of this State, and this situation may spread to other parts of the State; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of Rabun County, Georgia, there exists emergency circumstances as a result of COVID-19 within the geographical boundaries of Rabun County; and

WHEREAS, to prevent or minimize harm to people resulting from this pandemic, the Rabun County Board of Commissioners finds that certain actions are required including, but not limited to social distancing; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Rabun County Board of Commissioners hereby RESOLVES to adopt all recommendations and guidelines set by the Governor of Georgia for preventing, containing and mitigating the spread of COVID-19.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that all businesses providing food service shall not permit indoor/on premises dining.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rabun County Emergency Management Office activate the emergency operations plan.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that, during the term of this Resolution, there shall be no short-term rentals of private residences for non-essential purposes. "Short-term" in the context of this Resolution shall be defined as any rentals for a duration of less than 30 days.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that, during the term of this Resolution, any and all people returning or relocating to Rabun County shall quarantine themselves for fourteen (14) days upon arriving in the County.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that, during the term of this Resolution, any and all people returning or relocating to Rabun County shall purchase such groceries, supplies and goods as will be required to sustain those persons during their fourteen (14) day quarantine.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Resolution are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed or set aside during the term of this Resolution.

This Resolution shall become effective following approval by the Board of Commissioners at 12:00 a.m. on March 29, 2020 and will continue to be in effect until 12:00 a.m. on April 6, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Board of Commissioners.

SO RESOLVED this 28th day of March, 2020.

RABUN COUNTY, by and through its
Board of Commissioners

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Greg James, Chairman