

BUTLER COUNTY'S
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY CONDITIONS COVID-19
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, Section 31-9-10(b), empowers the Butler County Commission to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when Butler County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the Butler County Commission now joins the State and Federal Government in declaring a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic currently threatening the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, public health agencies have recommended the practice of social distancing and self-isolation to slow the spread of the pandemic to assist healthcare providers in keeping the number of those experiencing severe symptoms at a manageable level; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a serious public health risk to our County stemming from it being a novel respiratory disease impacting the services provided to citizens as well as hospitals, schools, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, operations of local schools have been suspended, creating childcare issues for many employees; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that additional orders and recommendations from the State and Federal level will make it increasingly difficult to maintain routine operations;

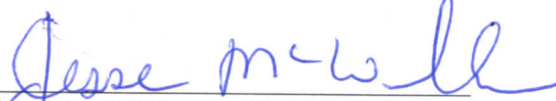
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSION:

- 1.) that Butler County facilities shall be closed to the public effective Friday, March 20, 2020 at 4 p.m. through April 5, 2020. It is Butler County's intention to reopen on Monday, April 6, 2020; however, this date may be extended due to the unknown circumstances that we are facing; and
- 2.) that the Chairman, and County Administrator are hereby authorized to execute the necessary contracts, agreements, and other documents necessary for the continuity of government under the provisions of the Code of Alabama, §31-9-10(b); and
- 3.) that the Sheriff's Office, County Jail, Emergency Management, County Commission & Administration, and Road Department & Engineering are departments providing essential services to the public or support services and shall continue to operate in a limited manner as needed to ensure the safety, welfare and health of our employees and citizens; and
- 4.) that county employees will continue to be paid during the time that the county facilities are closed.

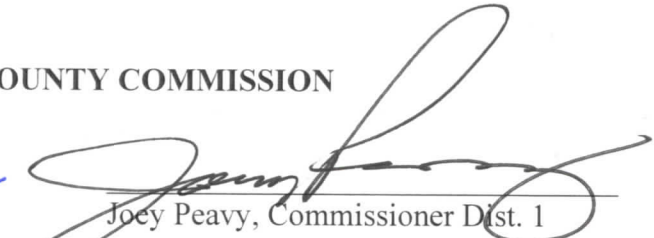
FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this State of Emergency and the aforesaid provisions of this resolution shall continue until otherwise determined by vote of the Butler County Commission.

DONE, this the 19th day of March 2020.

BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSION



Jesse McWilliams, Chairman



Joey Peavy, Commissioner Dist. 1



Frank Hickman, Commissioner Dist. 3



Allin Whittle, Commissioner Dist. 4



Darrell Sanders, Commission Dist. 5

ATTEST:



Diane Kilpatrick, County Administrator

