

**STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF WILCOX**

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSION DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY TO CLOSE THE COURTHOUSE, THE COURTHOUSE ANNEX, ALL COUNTY OFFICES AND BUILDINGS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSION RESULTING FROM THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANADEMIC WHICH POSES A HAZARD TO THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.**

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

**WHEREAS**, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons have risen within the County of Wilcox as a result of conditions surrounding the Coronavirus known as COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wilcox 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**, the COVID-19 pandemic, pose extreme peril to the health and safety of persons and property within Wilcox County and are likely to be, beyond the control and capacity of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of Wilcox County; 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**, the Wilcox County Commission does hereby find the above-described conditions of extreme peril did warrant and necessitate the resolution of the existence of a local emergency in the vicinity of the County of Wilcox.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSION:**

1. that effective, March 23, 2020 the Wilcox County Courthouse, Courthouse Annex, all County offices and buildings under the control of the Wilcox County Commission shall be closed to the public for two weeks with limited access; which the Wilcox County Commission will reevaluate the situation Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, before the next Monday, April

6<sup>th</sup>. Provided further, that should circumstances at that time dictate, the Commission is hereby empowered, in their judgement, to extend the duration of this Declaration of a state of local emergency for the necessary duration to protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public and to preserve the lives of those citizens who work in the Wilcox County Courthouse, Courthouse Annex and other buildings under control of the Wilcox County Commission; and

2. that the elected officials and Department Heads of the Wilcox County Government has the flexibility to rotate their employees in groups to provide essential services during the emergency presented by the Coronavirus known as COVID-19 pandemic and identify any emergency situations where citizens will need access to the Courthouse and the Courthouse Annex; and
3. that the Wilcox County Sheriff's Office will implement such security measures as are necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public and those citizens who work in the Courthouse and the Courthouse Annex; and
4. that county employees who are asked not to report to work will be considered absent under the emergency administrative leave and therefore, compensated for regular work hours.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this state of emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until otherwise determined by vote of the Wilcox County Commission.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Wilcox County Commission on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



*William W. Albritton*  
William W. Albritton, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

*Demetria Turk-Scott*  
Demetria Turk-Scott, County Administrator