

## DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS:** In December 2019 a novel corona virus, COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and in some cases death; and

**WHEREAS:** On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency pursuant to section 501 (b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 68, sections 5121-5207), known as the "Stafford Act," which provides legal authority for the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide assistance to states during declared major disasters and emergencies; and

**WHEREAS:** On March 14, 2020, due to the impact of COVID-19 on the State of Georgia, Governor Kemp issued Executive Order 03.14.20.01, declaring a Public Health State of Emergency in Georgia; and

**WHEREAS:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has identified the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States, and has advised that the person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States; and

**WHEREAS:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has noted that COVID-19 is proliferating via "community spread," meaning people have contracted the virus in areas of Georgia as a result of direct contact or indirect contact with infected persons, including some who are not sure how where they became infected; and

**WHEREAS:** Currently, as of March 23, 2020 there is a confirmed case of COVID-19, that has been identified within Pulaski County, the threat to the health, safety and welfare of citizens does exist; and

**WHEREAS:** There currently exists in Pulaski County, Georgia the potential for a local disaster or emergency due to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS:** There is a necessity for a prompt and efficient response to safeguard lives and continue the provisions of services during the local emergency; and

**WHEREAS:** In the judgment of the Pulaski County Commissioner and the Pulaski County Board of Health, and with advice from the Pulaski County Emergency Management Agency, there exist emergency circumstances within Pulaski County, Georgia requiring extraordinary and immediate corrective actions for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Pulaski County; and

**WHEREAS:** To prevent or minimize illness or injury to people and damage to property resulting from this event, certain actions are required.

**NOW THEREFORE:** Pursuant to the authority vested in me by local and state law.

**IT IS HEREBY DECLARED:** That a local state of emergency exists and shall continue until the conditions requiring this declaration are abated.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:** That the Pulaski County Emergency Management Agency activates the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP).

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:** That a daily curfew is hereby established beginning Monday, March 23, 2020 restricting travel from 10:00p until 6:00a with the exception of persons traveling to and from work and for healthcare; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:** That all social gatherings of groups of 10 or more people be hereby prohibited beginning Monday, March 23, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED AND IMPOSED:** That during the curfew, the following persons are exempted and free to travel to carry out their duties: police officers, firefighters, active duty military, health care providers, and public works and utility workers employed by any public utility, any municipality or local Government, the State of Georgia and the United States of America. Additionally, exemptions are granted to persons traveling to and from work or a medical facility, traveling through Pulaski County to a destination outside the County and making deliveries within Pulaski County, Citizens seeking to restore order to their homes or businesses while on their own property or place of business; Other authorized and essential persons as designated on a list compiled by Pulaski County Emergency Management Agency.

\_\_\_5:00p\_\_\_, this \_\_\_23\_\_\_ day of March, 2020.



Jenna S. Mashburn  
Pulaski County Sole Commissioner