

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CLOSURE OF ALL BARS AND RESTAURANTS
LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF CATOOSA COUNTY;
ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR TAKE-OUT OR DELIVERY OF FOOD ONLY;
PROHIBITING GATHERINGS OF OVER 10 PEOPLE; PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a National Emergency as a result of the spread of the novel coronavirus disease known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, Georgia Governor Brian P. Kemp also declared a Public Health State of Emergency due to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Catoosa County Board of Commissioners declared a Local State of Emergency, also in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, and adopted its Resolution Declaring a State of Local Emergency in Catoosa County and authorizing the implementation of certain applicable State laws and local Ordinances and Procedures (the "Emergency Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the findings contained within the Emergency Resolution as its findings in this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Georgia medical and public health leaders have worked and are working diligently, closely and collaboratively to respond aggressively to the COVID-19 impact in Catoosa County; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States and the CDC have recommended that any gathering consisting of more than 10 people be discontinued or prohibited in order to combat the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, under the current state of public emergency, the County does not have sufficient resources or personnel to monitor and/or police a public distancing or gathering limitation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority described in the Emergency Resolution, and in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Catoosa County during this time of public emergency, the Board of Commissioners desires to adopt a Resolution restricting the operations of bars and restaurants and restricting certain gatherings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Catoosa County, Georgia as follows:

Section 1: Restaurant and Bar Closures; Limitations on Operations.

(a) The Board of Commissioners of Catoosa County hereby declares that all bars, restaurants, or businesses located within the unincorporated areas of Catoosa County and that sell food or beverages for on-premises consumption or that provide on-premises entertainment shall be closed to in-person dining, consumption of alcohol, or entertainment until the expiration of this Resolution.

(b) Bars, restaurants and other businesses located within the unincorporated areas of Catoosa County and which sell food may offer food for delivery and/or take-away and consumption by customers off-premises.

(c) Businesses affected by the limitations imposed in this Resolution shall establish systems which restrict in-person contact as much as possible, to include permitting no more than 10 customers to be located inside the business premises at any one time. Said systems and procedures may also include employees delivering food to a customer's vehicle as opposed to allowing a customer to enter the business premises.

(d) Businesses affected by the limitations imposed in this Resolution shall ensure that all on-premises consumption of food is prohibited and shall further ensure that all employees and contractors of the business maintain at least 6 feet of personal distance between themselves, as much and to the extent possible given the physical constraints of the business and its operations.

(e) Businesses affected by this Resolution and which are also licensed to sell beer, wine or distilled spirits for on-premises consumption shall, during the time this Resolution remains in effect, only be permitted to sell unopened bottles, cans or other sealed containers of beer or wine for off-premises consumption and shall not be permitted to sell distilled spirits in any format.

(f) The restrictions and limitations contained in this Resolution shall not be applicable to cafeterias located within hospitals, nursing homes or similar facilities and these facilities may continue normal operations.

Section 2: Limitation on Gatherings at County Facilities.

(a) The Board of Commissioners hereby suspends the use of any County Parks for gatherings of groups consisting of more than 10 persons. Provided, however, that this restriction does not prohibit the use of trails, tracks or outdoor walking facilities which are expressly exempt from this suspension.

Section 3. Effective Date; Termination.

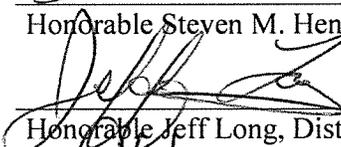
(a) The provisions of this Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and shall continue in full force and effect until April 23, 2020, at which time this Resolution shall expire, unless expressly extended by the Board of Commissioners.

SO RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Catoosa County, Georgia, this 23rd day of March, 2020.

CATOOSA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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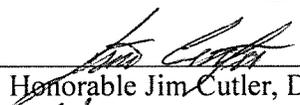
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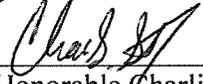
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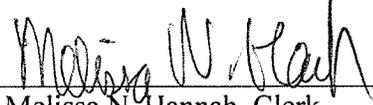
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Honorable Jim Cutler, District Three

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Honorable Charlie Stephens, District Four

ATTEST: 

Melissa N. Hannah, Clerk