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THIRD AMENDED DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY (SHELTER IN PLACE)

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 pandemic a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Chairman of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners also entered an order declaring a local emergency for Clayton County beginning March 16, 2020 and enacted several emergency powers in order to allow the County to quickly and appropriately respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, the Governor of the State of Georgia declared that a Public Health State of Emergency exists in the State of Georgia due to the public health emergency from the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the President of the United States in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued Coronavirus Guidelines for America — 15 Days to Slow the Spread; and

WHEREAS, public health experts, including those at the CDC and the National Institutes of Health (NIH), have advised that individuals infected with COVID-19 are contagious even while experiencing minor or no symptoms and implored leaders to take immediate action to prevent further community spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, preventing and slowing community spread of COVID-19 provides health systems additional time to obtain personal protective equipment necessary to protect health care workers and medical equipment necessary to treat COVID-19, and is therefore vital to the health of the nation;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has described the symptoms of COVID-19 as including fever, cough and shortness of breath which may occur 2-14 days after exposure (www.cdc.gov/COVID19-symptoms) and has recommended maintaining physical separation of no less than six (6) feet between persons and urged that any gathering of over 10 people be discontinued or prohibited (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/retirement/guidance-retirement-response.html)

WHEREAS, public health experts have issued guidelines which also include a recommendation that communities with evidence of community transmission consider closing restaurants, food courts, gyms and other indoor and outdoor venues where groups of people congregate; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 03.23.20.01, which requires the Department of Public Health to order that certain specific higher risk populations to isolate, quarantine, or shelter in place for fourteen (14) days; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 03.23.20.01 further ordered that no business, establishment, corporation, non-profit corporation, or organization shall allow more than ten (10) persons to be gathered at a single location if such gathering requires persons to stand or be seated within six (6) feet of any other person; and

WHEREAS, based, in part, on the increasing numbers of persons contracting COVID-19 in Clayton County, the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners entered an order requiring citizens in the unincorporated area of Clayton County to shelter in place effective 12:01 a.m. on April 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 04.02.20.01, which, among other things, also requires residents of the State of Georgia to shelter in place except for certain essential activities; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 04.02.20.01 suspended local orders and ordinances adopted since March 1, 2020 ordering residents to shelter-in-place or ordering a quarantine and prohibits the adoption of any

similar ordinance or order except such ordinances or orders designed to enforce compliance with Executive Order No. 04.02.20.01; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 04.02.20.01 gave various state departments and the Georgia National Guard authority to assist in the enforcement of the Order; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, Governor Kemp issued Executive Order No. 04.03.20.01 also authorizing Georgia Sheriffs to enforce the provisions of Executive Order 04.02.20.01 concerning closure of non-compliant businesses, establishments, corporations, non-profit corporations or organizations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Code of Clayton County Sec. 34-4(b)(4)(d)(5) and (6), the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners has authority to transfer the direction, personnel or functions of any county departments and agencies or units thereof for the purpose of performing or facilitating emergency services and to utilize all available resources of the county and subordinate agencies over which the county has budgetary control as reasonably necessary to cope with the emergency or disaster; and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chairman of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners by local and state law;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The Clayton County Police Department and other departments of the County as deemed necessary by the Chief Operating Officer under this Order are hereby authorized to carry out the enforcement of Governor Kemp's Executive Order No. 04.02.20.01 in the unincorporated jurisdiction of Clayton County. I am further authorizing the County Police Department to collaborate with Sheriff Victor Hill and the Clayton County Sheriff's Office in enacting policies and procedures consistent with Executive Orders 04.02.20.01 and 04.03.20.01 to take reasonable steps to provide notice of the terms of this Order and the Governor's Orders prior to issuing any citation or making an arrest.
2. The Clayton County Emergency Management Agency shall continue operating under the Emergency Operations Plan and Incident and Support Annexes and the County shall continue to implement sections 34-4; 34-5; 34-6; 34-7; 34-8 of the Official Code of Clayton County, Georgia.

3. This Order shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on April 4, 2020 and will continue to be in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 13, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Chairman.
4. If any provision of this Order to the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.
5. All previous Orders, ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Order are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby temporarily suspended.

ENTERED at 3:45pm on April 3, 2020

Signed



Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman
Clayton County Board of Commissioners



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