COUNTY OF BRYAN

CITY OF RICHMOND HILL

CITY OF PEMBROKE

STATE OF GEORGIA

JOINT RESOLUTION

JOINT RESOLUTION DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE COUNTY OF BRYAN, THE CITY OF RICHMOND HILL, GEORGIA, AND THE CITY OF PEMBROKE, GEORGIA ESTABLISHING THE PRACTICE OF CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CDC AND GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEATH IN REGARDS TO THE COVID-19 EVENT

WHEREAS, the President of the United States declared a National Public Health Emergency on Friday March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Georgia declared a State of Emergency in Georgia on March 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) a world health emergency and a pandemic influenza emergency; and

WHEREAS, Georgia law allows for the suspension of certain laws, rules, ordinances and orders during a declared state of emergency, and authorizes the County and both Cities to waive compliance with time-consuming procedures and formalities; O.C.G.A. § 38-3-1 *et. seq.*,

WHEREAS, the Georgia law grants to Bryan County, the City of Richmond Hill, and the City of Pembroke the power to protect the safety, health, and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, Georgia law also grants to Bryan County, the City of Richmond Hill, and the City of Pembroke the power to declare an emergency and "to pass all laws and ordinances they may consider necessary for the peace, good order, health, prosperity, comfort and security of the county and cities, and of the inhabitants thereof", and

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WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have recommended that any gathering of over 10 people be discontinued or prohibited; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1: Effective March 24, 2020, a state of emergency is declared throughout the entirety of Bryan County pursuant to Chapter 10 of the Bryan County Code and Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Section 2: All required resources of Bryan County and its municipalities shall be made available to assist in activities designed to address this emergency, control the spread of COVID-19 and aid in recovery efforts. In addition to the requirements of any state or federal executive orders or mandates now or hereafter adopted, the County and Cities adopt the following requirements for all persons and businesses in Bryan County, Georgia,

Section 3: Any person showing symptoms recognized by the CDC as indicators of COVID-19, have tested positive for COVID-19, or are awaiting results of any such testing, or been advised by any health professional to self quarantine shall refrain from entering public buildings, restaurants, shops, public transportation facilities and all other areas where the public ingresses or egresses. Such person should seek medical attention and follow the directions of their Primary Care Physician until given the clearance to return to public interaction.

Section 4: All eating establishments, bar and nightclubs within the County, both incorporated and unincorporated areas, shall reduce indoor or outdoor seating capacity to not more than 10 persons at any one time and shall additionally ensure that all indoor and outdoor seating is sufficient to achieve 6-foot social distancing among those customers within the establishment. Restaurants bars, night clubs that cannot achieve the 6-foot social distancing are ordered to close. Restaurants capable of providing delivery, take-out or drive through services may remain open and are encouraged to increase these services and avoid in-house dining as much as possible.

S**ection 5**: Eating establishment regulations prohibited in Section 4 of this Resolution shall not include cafeterias located within medical, industrial, government or other such production facilities that are performing essential functions that are necessary to promote health, welfare and vital resources in Bryan County. These facilities are strongly encouraged to stagger meal times, limit use as much as feasible to achieve social distancing, and to thoroughly follow CDC protocols of cleaning. Additionally, government-sponsored and school-sponsored food distribution programs are exempted from the eating establishment regulations in Section4. These programs shall follow CDC guidelines on social distancing and protocols for the safe handling and distribution of food.

Section 6. All houses of worship shall strive for density reduction in all services, whether scheduled or based upon a life event such as a funeral or baptism, and wherever practical, shall practice social distancing. Houses of worship are further encouraged to use social media or other video outlets to broadcast worship services. Funeral homes shall likewise strive for density reduction in all activities and shall ensure vehicles used to transport families shall be thoroughly cleaned between uses in accordance with CDC guidelines. Graveside services of 10 or less participants are highly encouraged.

Section 7. Social distancing is the most effective manner of stopping the spread of this emergency. To the extent feasible, it is in the best interest of citizens of Bryan County to not gather in crowds of 10 or more in any location except in an authorized, official government capacity or in places providing essential services, such as grocery stores, gas stations with or without convenience stores, pharmacies and medical facilities. For non-essential businesses/services, they shall ensure the occupancy load, at any given time, allows for a minimum of six feet of social distancing as

recommended by the CDC. It is further highly encouraged that all citizens of Bryan County limit travel outside of the County as much as possible.

Section 8. All publicly owned active recreational facilities, including but not limited to playgrounds, athletic fields, tennis courts, and basketball courts will be closed until further notice. Publicly owned passive recreational facilities, such as walking trails, shall remain open, but the public should maintain a minimum social distancing separation of six feet. Passive recreational facilities should not be used by individuals who have been exposed to or are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

Section 9. For privately owned, including not for profit, recreation facilities such as gyms and fitness centers, the facilities shall limit their maximum occupancy to fifty (50) percent and/or ensure a minimum of six feet social distancing between users and deep clean equipment and common areas with high frequency.

Section 10. No provision of this declaration shall preclude the County, or any City with respect to its territorial limits, from adopting more stringent measures requirements or prohibitions.

Section 11. This Declaration shall be effective until April 3, 2020, when it shall terminate unless extended, altered, or amended by further declaration.

BRYAN COUNTY, GEORGIA

By: Carter Infinger ATTEST: Dawn M Waters

Carter Infinger, Chairman County Clerk

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