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**RESOLUTION NO. 20-\_\_\_\_\_** **DECLARING [CITY OR TOWN] STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, President Trump has declared a National State of Emergency based on the impact of COVID-19 becoming a pandemic event; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ivey has also declared a State of Emergency as relates to COVID-19 in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, [City or Town] of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Alabama Officials and Personnel in partnership with our regional partners and especially the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County Infectious Diseases Task Force have been proactive beginning \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2020 addressing the COVID-19 impacts; and;  (date)

WHEREAS, the [City or Town] Council on advice of Emergency Management Personnel determines to immediately take further action in this emergency circumstance on a continuing basis to address the COVID-19 impacts on our [City or Town] and community; and to further declare a State of Emergency in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that [City or Town] emergency management personnel and other [City or Town] Departments are authorized to expend [City or Town] Funds for additional personnel, supplies and equipment as needed, so that action can be taken without delay to protect the lives and the safety of our residents and visitors to our [City or Town]; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a serious public health risk to our [City or Town] stemming from it being a novel respiratory disease, impacting our [City or Town] Services, impacting Utility Department Services, impacting our Schools, impacting our Businesses, and impacting our Industrial Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the extent and level of impact from COVID-19 cannot be determined at present and [City or Town] Departments need the authority and funding to react promptly and without delay at this critical time;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the [City or Town] Council of the [City or Town] of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Alabama that it hereby declares a State of Emergency in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Alabama with the Mayor and [City or Town] Departments, with the guidance of the Purchasing Department and the Human Resources Department, authorized to expend [City or Town] funds and use additional personnel hours necessary to respond to the impacts of COVID-19 (some known and some unknown) in our [City or Town] and Community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the [City or Town] Council that the Mayor, Police Chief and [City or Town] Departments, are to coordinate the Work with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County Emergency Management Agency and other appropriate Agencies;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the [City or Town] Council determines this action is required in order to be proactive in continuing the previous work of our Officials and Personnel in the future;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and [City or Town] Departments are requested and authorized to record the additional expenses incurred in the past and future as a result of the COVID-19 impacts; and seek reimbursement to the extent provided and authorized by Federal and State Laws.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

ACKNOWLEDGED and APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Presiding Officer

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [City or Town] Clerk