

## **EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of Hinds County (the “Governing Body”) has the authority to make an emergency declaration and to promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life and property; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency as a result of the COVID-19 virus; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States acknowledged the global pandemic and declared a nationwide state of emergency due to the rampant spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2020 the Governor of the State of Mississippi issued a Proclamation declaring that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Mississippi as a result of the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus; and

**WHEREAS**, in the wake of the pandemic, Mississippi state agencies and governmental entities as well as school districts have been closed as entities have attempted to abide by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance for responding to the COVID-19 virus outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, it is evident that the risk of the spread of the COVID-19 virus constitutes a public emergency that may result in harm to the life, health and property of the citizens of Hinds County, Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, in the wake of the COVID-19 global pandemic, it has become necessary for the Hinds County Board of Supervisors to take extraordinary measures to protect the citizens of Hinds County, Mississippi; and


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HINDS COUNTY** pursuant to MISS. CODE ANN. §§ 31-7-1, 33-15-1, 33-15-17 and other applicable authority, and in the public interest and for the general welfare of Hinds County, Mississippi, that it is hereby mandatory that members of the public located in the rural unincorporated areas of Hinds County above the age of two (2) years old shall wear a mask or facial covering in public to provide some protection against the transmission of the COVID-19 virus from the date of this Order on July 6, 2020 until such emergency is no longer in effect and proclaimed terminated by the Board of Supervisors of Hinds County, Mississippi;

FOLLOWING the reading of the foregoing Emergency Declaration, Supervisor Credell Calhoun made a motion for adoption, with Supervisor David Archie making a second to said motion. Thereafter, the Hinds County Board of Supervisors voted as follows:

Honorable Graham, voting aye,  
Honorable Archie, voting aye,  
Honorable Calhoun, voting aye,  
Honorable Gavin, voting aye, and,  
Honorable McGowan, voting aye,

The motion having received vote of a majority of the members present, the President declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted this the 6th day of July, 2020.

HINDS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By:   
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Supervisor Robert Graham, President

Attest:

  
Hinds County Chancery Clerk