

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 for periods of time 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 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against the transmission of the COVID-19 virus from the date of this Order on October 5, 2020 until such emergency is no longer in effect and proclaimed terminated by the Board of Supervisors of Hinds County, Mississippi;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 Robert Graham, voting aye,
Honorable David Archie, voting aye,
Honorable Credell Calhoun, voting aye,
Honorable Vern Gavin, voting aye, and,
Honorable Bobby McGowan, being absent,

The motion having received vote of a majority of the members present, the President declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted this the 5th day of October, 2020.

HINDS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By:



RB

Supervisor Robert Graham, President

Attest:


Hinds County Chancery Clerk