

RESOLUTION 2020-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
URGING ALL BUSINESSES THAT ARE NOT CLASSIFIED AS ESSENTIAL
UNDER THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
GUIDELINES OR WHERE THE ABILITY TO PRACTICE SOCIAL
DISTANCING IS IMPRACTICAL, TO VOLUNTARILY CLOSE THROUGH
APRIL 30, 2020**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a national state of emergency to assist with combating the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Henry D. McMaster declared a state of emergency in South Carolina to take, all necessary and appropriate actions in proactively preparing for and promptly responding to the threat posed by COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Mayor John J. McCann declared a state of emergency within The Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina;

WHEREAS, Covid-19 is now spreading across the State with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control ("SCDHEC") confirming the localized person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in South Carolina, which indicates a significantly increasing risk of exposure and infection to residents of the population of the State of South Carolina, and an extreme public health risk; and,

WHEREAS, local governments in South Carolina do not have extraordinary emergency powers, and all such powers are with the Governor of South Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, in the absence of an Order of the Governor of South Carolina addressing the closure of businesses that are not classified as essential under the United States Department of Homeland Security Guidelines, throughout South Carolina, and on Hilton Head Island, the Town Council is urging the voluntary cooperation of all

businesses that are not classified as essential under the United States Department of Homeland Security Guidelines or where the ability to practice social distancing is impractical to voluntarily close through April 30, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, AND IT HEREBY IS, RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town Council urges all businesses that are not classified as essential under the United States Department of Homeland Security Guidelines or where the ability to practice social distancing is impractical to voluntarily close through April 30, 2020.

MOVED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 30th DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

John J. McCann, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Curtis L. Coltrane, Town Attorney

Introduced by Council Member: _____