



March 27, 2020

The Honorable Henry McMaster
State House
1100 Gervais Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Re: Request for State-wide Stay at Home Order on Behalf of the City of Beaufort
and the Towns of Bluffton, Hilton Head Island, and Port Royal

Dear Governor McMaster:

The above identified municipalities are hereby providing you with the enclosed Resolutions and Proclamations. These documents were duly adopted by the governing bodies of each respective jurisdiction and represent the combined will of the residents residing therein. As more fully identified within the enclosed documents, we believe that it is necessary and proper for you to take swift and decisive action to help protect the residents of all of our jurisdictions from the potential harms identified with contracting the COVID-19 virus and the potential harm that it could pose to our communities should we not begin to flatten the curve on infection rates. We would respectfully ask that you grant our request at your earliest possible opportunity.

Very Truly Yours,


Billy Keyserling, Mayor
City of Beaufort


Lisa Sulka, Mayor
Town of Bluffton


John McCann, Mayor
Town of Hilton Head Island


Joe DeVito, Mayor
Town of Port Royal

PROCLAMATION Re: SOCIAL DISTANCING

CITY OF BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA, WITH THE CONSENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA, IMPLORING ALL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF THE CITY OF BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO STRICTLY COMPLY WITH THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-13 AND S.C. CODE ANN. § 16-7-10 AND TO FOLLOW ALL SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS TO MINIMIZE THE SPREAD OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

WHEREAS, in December 2019, an outbreak of respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus (*COVID-19*), was first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, and has spread outside of China, across the world, including the United States; and,

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2020, the Center for Disease Control ("*CDC*") activated its Emergency Response System to provide ongoing support for the response to *COVID-19*; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency to assist with combating the coronavirus, and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Honorable Henry McMaster, Governor of South Carolina, issued Executive Order No. 2020-08 related to *COVID-19* and declared that a State of Emergency exists in South Carolina; and,

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WHEREAS, *COVID-19* is now aggressively 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 City of Beaufort residents and creating an extreme public health risk; and,

WHEREAS, research supported by several United States federal agencies, including the Department of Defense, reveals that *COVID-19* can be detected up to seventy-two (72) hours post-application on certain surfaces and that aerosol and fomite transmission of *COVID-19* are plausible; and,

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of our residents, businesses, public spaces and private properties are being damaged by the spread of *COVID-19* throughout the area; and,

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that we all work together to decrease the widespread proliferation of *COVID-19* among us all now rather than suffer the unfortunate and devastating consequences later; and,

WHEREAS, it is imperative that residents and non-residents of this great City shelter at home, unless providing or requiring an essential service, remain at a safe distance of at least six (6) feet from others while in public, seek medical attention, if sick, via a telehealth service provider, continue to be vigilant with hand-washing, remain calm, and only purchase necessary supplies for immediate use; and,

WHEREAS, by taking such preventative measures to control outbreaks, we can minimize the risk to the public, maintain the health and safety of the people of South Carolina, and limit the spread of infection in our communities and within the health care delivery system; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Sec. 2 -3001 Code of Ordinances, the Mayor may take measures that are required to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents, guests, and visitors to the City of Beaufort.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA, with the consent of the City Council of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina, as follows:

ARTICLE I. INTENT AND PURPOSE: Federal, state and local health professionals have repeatedly advised that limiting public interaction is one of the most effective methods at reducing the spread of the COVID-19 virus. When individuals need to leave their places of residence, whether to obtain or perform vital services, or to otherwise facilitate essential activities necessary for continuity of social and commercial life, they should at all times reasonably possible comply with Social Distancing Requirements. All provisions of this Proclamation should be interpreted to effectuate this intent. Failure to comply with any provision of this Proclamation constitutes an imminent threat to the life, safety, and health of the people of the City of Beaufort and the State of South Carolina and creates an immediate menace to public health.

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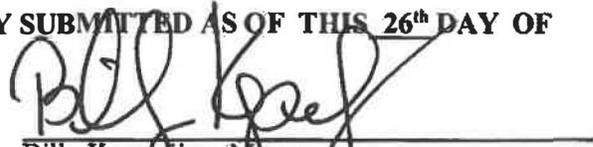
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McMaster, Governor of South Carolina, on March 13, 2020, declaring that a State of Emergency exists in South Carolina, as further supplemented by additional Executive Orders from the Governor, including but not limited to Executive Order No. 2020-13.

THIS PROCLAMATION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION.

SIGNED, SEALED, AND RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED AS OF THIS 26th DAY OF MARCH 2020.



Billy Keyserling, Mayor
The City of Beaufort, South Carolina

WITH THE CONSENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BEAUFORT

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF BEAUFORT CALLING UPON GOVERNOR HENRY MCMASTER TO ISSUE A MANDATORY STAY AT HOME ORDER FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA FOR SUCH PERIOD OF TIME AS MAY BE DEEMED NECCESARY AND APPROPRIATE BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

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WHEREAS, as of March 25, 2020, the total number of cases in the United States is well over 52,000 with at least 342 cases in the State of South Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, local governments around the State are taking actions in an effort to protect the local population, but these actions are non-uniform and cannot address the spread of COVID-19 in areas outside of the locality; and,

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WHEREAS, S. C. Code Ann. § 25-1-440 (Supp. 2019), declares that the Governor of South Carolina, ". . . when an emergency has been declared, as the elected Chief Executive of the State, is responsible for the safety, security, and welfare of the State. . ."; and,

WHEREAS, under S. C. Code Ann. § 25-1-440 (Supp. 2019), the Governor is empowered "issue emergency proclamations and regulations and amend or rescind them;" and,

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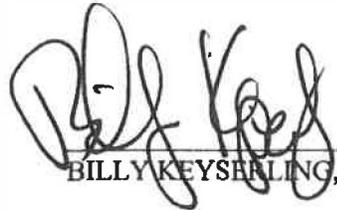
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WHEREAS, by taking measures such as this to control outbreaks has been shown to minimize the risk to the public, maintain the health and safety of the people of South Carolina, and limit the spread of infection in our communities and within the health care delivery system; and,

WHEREAS, in order to protect, preserve, and promote the general health, safety and welfare and the peace and order of the community, the City of Beaufort formally requests that Governor Henry D. McMaster issue an order requiring the all persons within the State of South Carolina to stay at home for a minimum period of Fourteen (14) Days, unless providing or requiring an essential service, or such other period as may be determined to be appropriate by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, as a necessary and immediate step to try and protect the population of the State of South Carolina from a continued and increased risk of exposure.

THEREFORE, we, the undersigned members of the City of Beaufort call upon the Governor Henry D. McMaster to undertake and coordinate all necessary and reasonable activities for this emergency response to include the issuance of a mandatory stay at home order, unless providing or requiring an essential service, for the State of South Carolina for a minimum period of Fourteen (14) Days, or such other period as may be determined to be appropriate by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the population of the State of South Carolina..

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Beaufort to be affixed this 26th day of March 2020.


BILLY KEYSERLING, MAYOR

ATTEST:


IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK

Lisa Sulka
Mayor

Fred Hamilton
Mayor Pro Tempore

Marc Orlando
Town Manager



Council Members

Larry Toomer
Dan Wood
Bridgette Frazier

Kimberly Chapman
Town Clerk

March 25, 2020

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Governor of South Carolina
State House
1100 Gervais Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor McMaster:

Enclosed, please find two proclamations signed by me, on behalf of the Town Council of the Town of Bluffton, in response to the current COVID-19 pandemic and the state of emergency associated with it. The first Proclamation is a plea for you to issue a statewide "Stay at Home" order for a period of time deemed necessary and appropriate by SC DHEC. The second proclamation implores all residents and visitors to the Town of Bluffton to strictly comply with your Executive Order 2020-13 regarding social distancing requirements, limiting gatherings to less than three people and other infection prevention and control measures.

We send these documents to you to make you aware of local actions being undertaken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic here in the Town of Bluffton. We also respectfully request your consideration to establish a statewide measure to further enforce social distancing and to insist upon a climate of infection control through formal means, which would also include enforcement options.

When taking into account the recent actions of Charleston and Savannah, the two metropolitan areas which have the most influence on our population, we believe a "Stay at Home" order would be most effective if it was issued by you at the state level.

Thank you for your consideration. I stand ready to respond to any questions you may have or to assist in other ways, as needed.

Respectfully,

Lisa Sulka, Mayor
Town of Bluffton

Enclosures

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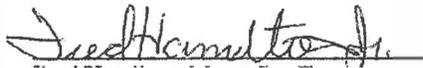
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Town of Bluffton, South Carolina



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ATTEST:



Kimberly Chapman, Town Clerk
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PROCLAMATION Re: REQUEST TO GOVERNOR

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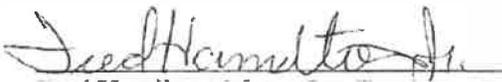
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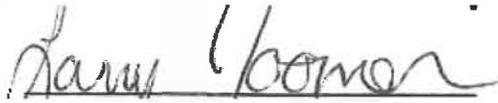
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RESOLUTION 2020-03

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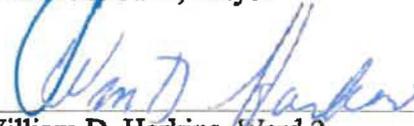
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Respectfully submitted this 26th day of March, 2020.

Sincerely,



John J. McCann, Mayor



William D. Harkins, Ward 2



Marc A. Grant, Ward 1



David Ames, Ward 3



Thomas W. Lennox, Ward 5



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Glenn Stanford, Ward 6

Attest:



Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form:



Curtis Coltrane, Town Attorney

Council

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PROCLAMATION Re: REQUEST TO GOVERNOR

TOWN OF PORT ROYAL, SOUTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF PORT ROYAL, SOUTH CAROLINA, WITH THE CONSENT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PORT ROYAL, SOUTH CAROLINA, CALLING UPON GOVERNOR HENRY McMASTER TO ISSUE A MANDATORY STAY AT HOME ORDER FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA FOR SUCH PERIOD OF TIME AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

WHEREAS, in December 2019, an outbreak of respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus (*COVID-19*), was first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, and has spread outside of China, across the world, including the United States; and,

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2020, the Center for Disease Control ("*CDC*") activated its Emergency Response System to provide ongoing support for the response to *COVID-19*; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency to assist with combating the coronavirus, and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Honorable Henry McMaster, Governor of South Carolina, issued Executive Order No. 2020-08 related to *COVID-19* and declared that a State of Emergency exists in South Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Mayor Joe DeVito and the Town of Port Royal declared a local state of emergency in the Town of Port Royal; and,

WHEREAS, *COVID-19* is now aggressively 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 Town of Port Royal residents and creating an extreme public health risk; and,

WHEREAS, research supported by several United States federal agencies, including the Department of Defense, reveals that *COVID-19* can be detected up to seventy-two (72) hours post-application on certain surfaces and that aerosol and fomite transmission of *COVID-19* are plausible; and,

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of our residents, businesses, public spaces and private properties are being damaged by the spread of *COVID-19* throughout the area; and,

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that we all work together to decrease the widespread proliferation of COVID-19 among us all now rather than suffer the unfortunate and devastating consequences later; and,

WHEREAS, it is imperative that residents and non-residents of this great Town shelter at home, unless providing or requiring an essential service, remain at a safe distance of at least six (6) feet from others while in public, seek medical attention, if sick, via a telehealth service provider, continue to be vigilant with hand-washing, remain calm, and only purchase necessary supplies for immediate use; and,

WHEREAS, by taking such preventative measures to control outbreaks, we will minimize the risk to the public, maintain the health and safety of the people of South Carolina, and limit the spread of infection in our communities and within the health care delivery system; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2-202 of the Town of Port Royal Code of Ordinances, the Mayor may take measures that are required to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents, guests, and visitors to the Town of Port Royal; and,

WHEREAS, in order to protect, preserve, and promote the general health, safety and welfare and the peace and order of the community, the Mayor of the Town of Port Royal, South Carolina, with the consent of the undersigned Town Council of the Town of Port Royal, South Carolina, formally requests that the Honorable Henry D. McMaster issue an order requiring the all persons within the State of South Carolina to stay at home for a minimum period of Fourteen (14) Days, unless providing or requiring an essential service, or such other period as may be determined to be appropriate by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, as a necessary and immediate step to try and protect the population of the State of South Carolina from a continued and increased risk of exposure.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF PORT ROYAL, SOUTH CAROLINA, with the consent of the undersigned Town Council of the Town of Port Royal, South Carolina, that the Town respectfully calls upon the Honorable Henry D. McMaster, Governor of South Carolina, to undertake and coordinate all necessary and reasonable activities for this emergency response to include the issuance of a mandatory stay-at-home order, unless providing or requiring an essential service, for the State of South Carolina for a minimum period of Fourteen (14) Days, or such other period as may be determined to be appropriate by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the population of the State of South Carolina.

THIS PROCLAMATION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION.

SIGNED, SEALED, AND RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED AS OF THIS DAY 27TH OF MARCH, 2020.



Joe DeVito, Mayor
Town of Port Royal, South Carolina

ATTEST:



Brooke Plank Buccola, Town Clerk
Town of Port Royal, South Carolina