

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY CONDITIONS
IN JEFFERSON COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Jefferson County has experienced the pandemic virus COVID-19 (coronavirus) which began in China on or around December, 2019, and is continuing; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 (coronavirus) a pandemic and declared the outbreak a public health emergency of international concern; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a National State of Emergency due to COVID-19 (coronavirus); and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of Alabama issued an Executive Order and declared a statewide State of Emergency in Alabama due to COVID-19 (coronavirus); and

WHEREAS, all of the above could adversely affect the health, safety, and economy of the people of Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, the existing and increasing possibility of the occurrence of COVID-19 (coronavirus) will be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County, and will require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to alleviate the adverse affects to the health, safety, and economy of the County; and

WHEREAS, the situation does create emergency conditions in Jefferson County within the intent of the Alabama Emergency Management Act of 1955, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Commission has been requested by the Director of the Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency to implement its emergency powers as set out in Code of Alabama (1975), § 31-9-10.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSION that emergency conditions exist throughout Jefferson County warranting the

exercise of emergency powers as provided by law and the activation of Jefferson County Emergency Operations Plan as prescribed by the Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency Director as well as all appropriate annexes. In addition, the appropriate County agencies are directed to exercise their statutory authority to assist the communities and entities affected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency conditions, the powers, functions and duties of the Director of the Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency and the emergency organizations of this County shall be those prescribed by state law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that during the existence of the local emergency conditions all procedures and formalities described in Code of Alabama (1975), § 31-9-10(b)(5) are hereby waived.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that during the existence of the local emergency conditions and without limiting any other manner or method by which a person or entity may be deemed an “Emergency Management Worker”, all persons or entities tasked pursuant to, or at the request of, the Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency (“EMA”) by or through its Emergency Management tracking software or subject to the order or control of any agency, department, board, commission, bureau, committee, institution, corporation, authority, or office tasked by EMA or through its tracking software shall be deemed an “Emergency Management Worker” for purposes of Alabama Code § 31-9-16.

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