

A RESOLUTION **20-R106**
ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE RESIDENTS OF ALBANY TO CONTINUE TO SHELTER IN PLACE AS SET FORTH IN GOVERNOR BRIAN KEMP'S EXECUTIVE ORDER OF APRIL 2, 2020; REPEALING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, (the "CDC") indicates that COVID-19 is a new and contagious respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that has been detected in more than 100 locations around the world, including in the United States; and

WHEREAS, as reported by the World Health Organization ("WHO"), the world has experienced a deep humanitarian crisis with more than 2,314,621 cases and more than 157,847 deaths due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is officially a global pandemic according to the WHO; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, due to the impact of COVID-19 on the State of Georgia, Governor Kemp issued Executive Order No. 03.14.20.01, declaring a Public Health State of Emergency in Georgia, which was renewed by Governor Kemp by Executive Order No. 04.08.20.02; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly concurred with Executive Order No. 03.14.20.01 by joint resolution on March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2020, Governor Kemp renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until May 13, 2020, by issuing Executive Order No. 04.08.20.02; and

WHEREAS, cities, states, and counties, including but not limited to, the Alameda County, California, the City of Los Angeles, California, the City of Seattle, Washington, and the states of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut have imposed temporary restrictions related to public and private gatherings to stop large numbers of people from gathering and staying in close proximity during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Governor Kemp has issued Executive Order on April 20, 2020, entitled "Providing Flexibility for Healthcare Practices, Moving Certain Businesses to Minimum Operations and Providing for Emergency Response" which permits In-Person Minimum Basic Operations to begin on Friday, April 24, 2020,

WHEREAS, as reported by the Georgia Department of Health effective as of April 20, 2020, Georgia has 19,398 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 774 COVID-19 related deaths with cases present in 157 of Georgia's 159 counties; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has issued guidance on the emerging and rapidly evolving situation of the COVID-19 pandemic, including how to protect oneself from illness; and

WHEREAS, the CDC recommends social distancing to prevent the continued spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the CDC expects that additional cases of COVID-19 will be identified in the coming days, including more cases in the United States, and that person-to-person spread is likely to continue; and

WHEREAS, the number of COVID-19 related deaths in Dougherty County, Georgia is 104; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Albany, Georgia, and it is hereby resolved by authority of same:

SECTION 1. The intent of this Resolution is to ensure that the maximum number of persons possible self-isolate in their residence to the maximum extent feasible, while enabling Essential Services to continue. This self-isolation will slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible. When people must leave their residence to obtain or perform Essential Services, they are strongly encouraged to comply with Social Distancing Requirements.

SECTION 2. There is still within the City of Albany emergency circumstances as a direct result of COVID-19.

SECTION 3. There needs to be wide spread testing before there is any relaxation in shelter in place.

SECTION 4. There needs to be the ability to adequately and accurately perform contact tracing for all individuals in Dougherty County who test positive for COVID-19 before there is any relaxation in Shelter In Place

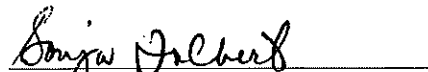
SECTION 5. It is in the best interests of the citizens of Albany to continue to shelter in place as set forth in Governor Brian Kemp's Executive Order of April 8, 2020.

SECTION 6. Not following the present shelter in place Executive Order could lead to overwhelming the City's medical facilities.

SECTION 7. All Resolutions, or parts of Resolutions, in conflict herewith are repealed.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

Adopted:

Introduced By Commissioner: 