

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF QUITMAN COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR THE CONTROL OF
CONTAGIOUS AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES, AND RELATED PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Miss. Code Ann. §33-15-11(b)(17), Governor Tate Reeves declared a State of Emergency existed in the State of Mississippi as a result of the outbreak of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the risk of the spread of the COVID-19 Virus within Mississippi and Quitman County Constitutes a public emergency that has resulted in substantial harm to life, health in Mississippi and Quitman County; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines suggests avoiding crowds or gatherings of more than 10 people and preferred spacing of at least six feet apart; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is vested with the obligation and authority to promote and protect the public's safety and social and economic welfare; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Supervisors by Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-17, the Board of Supervisors may enact various measures to protect the public's health, safety and welfare in the event of epidemics and related emergencies deemed a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the Quitman County community.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE QUITMAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, APPROVE THE FOLLOWING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-17, a State of Emergency be, and is hereby, declared within the confines of the unincorporated areas of Quitman County, Mississippi (and in any incorporated municipality within the County where said municipality has not issued a similar emergency declaration) due to the conditions of an epidemic.

Section 2. For as long as the Governor's Emergency Proclamation remains in effect and until further order of the Quitman County Board of Supervisors, all restaurants doing business in the unincorporated areas of the County shall limit all food service through the use of drive-thru, curbside pick-up or delivery methods, and the use by public of interior or exterior common dining facilities is hereby prohibited.

Section 3. The Quitman County Board of Supervisors strongly encourages all churches, businesses and families to adhere to the CDC guidelines and the Governor's recommendation of not more than 10 people together and a distance of six feet apart.

Section 4. In the interest of protecting the health, safety and welfare of the Quitman County Community, a general curfew in the unincorporated areas of the County is in effect between hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. with travel to and from work and emergency travel being exempted.

Section 5. The following policies and procedures are adopted:

- a) Communities should strongly consider canceling events and gathering where 10 people will be present;

- b) Follow the guidelines of the hospital and clinics if you believe and you have contracted COVID-19. Call ahead before visiting any clinic or hospital for specific testing or treatment directions;
- c) All law enforcement should take proper precautions, such as wearing gloves, when making physical contact with the public;
- d) The County is suspending all County funded employee travel for any distance over 60 miles outside the County for the next 30 days, unless deemed necessary by the Board;
- e) Any county employee who travels outside of the United States must stay home for 14 days before returning to work over the course of the next 30 days.
- f) Public parks and recreation areas are subject to the same crowd restrictions.
- g) There will be no County public meetings or hearings or public gathering of more than 10 people for the next 25 days.
- h) Justice Courts will be governed by orders issued by the Justice Court.
- i) Violations of the general curfew stated in this resolution is subject up to \$1,000 fine.

Section 6. This order will be reevaluated by the Board as needed but no later than April 22, 2020.

Supervisor Tullos, offered and moved for the adoption of this Resolution, which was seconded by Supervisor Boyd and the vote thereupon was as follows:

Sheridan Boyd	District 1	Voted: <u>AYE</u>
Greg Thomas	District 2	Voted: <u>AYE</u>
Johnny Tullos, Jr.	District 3	Voted: <u>AYE</u>
Manuel Killebrew	District 4	Voted: <u>AYE</u>
Jeremy Moore	District 5	Voted: <u>AYE</u>

This motion and the foregoing Resolution having been received a majority of the vote of the Board of Supervisors, the President declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted, on this the 24th day of March, 2020.

Manuel Killebrew
President of the Board

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Clerk of the Board

