

RESOLUTION NO 20-3

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND MEMORIALIZING EMERGENCY CONDITIONS THAT NECESSITATE HOLDING MEETINGS BY VIDEO CONFERENCING AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a new and contagious disease that commonly causes upper-respiratory tract illnesses, and has led the world into a deep humanitarian crisis; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is officially a global pandemic according to the World Health Organization; and,

WHEREAS, President Trump has declared a national emergency for the United States of America in response to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Brian Kemp declared a public health emergency in the state of Georgia as of March 14, 2020 due to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Brian Kemp also issued an Executive Order directing a statewide shelter in place to stop the spread of COVID-19, which took effect on April 3, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest for the well-being and safety of Town residents to avoid any large public gatherings of ten people or more during the COVID-19 pandemic to reduce the spread and potential impact of the COVID-19 pandemic per the Center for Disease Control (“CDC”) guidelines; and,

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TALLULAH FALLS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Findings of Fact.** The Town Council hereby incorporates the “whereas-es” contained in the preamble above as if the same were set forth verbatim herein, and thereby also makes those “whereas-es” the Town Council’s findings of fact.

2. **Teleconference Meetings.** Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(g), the Town Council may hold public meetings via teleconference due to the current emergency condition. Therefore, the Town Council hereby declares that all of its public meetings during this state of emergency shall be via teleconference or any similar means necessary authorized by Georgia law. To the extent any Authorities, Boards, or Commissions of the Town decide to hold meetings, they shall be authorized and encouraged to use teleconferencing to hold their meetings as well.

3. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

4. **Additional Documents.** The Town Council authorizes the Mayor, Town Clerk, and Town Attorney to execute any documents which may be necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

5. **Attestation.** The Town Council does hereby authorize the Clerk to attest the

signature of the Mayor appearing on this Resolution and any related documents, to affix the official seal of the Town thereto, as necessary, and to place this Resolution and an executed copy of any related documents among the official records of the Town for future reference.

6. **Severability.** To the extent any portion of this Resolution is declared to be invalid, unenforceable, or nonbinding, that shall not affect the remaining portions of this Resolution.

7. **Repeal of Inconsistent Provisions.** All Town resolutions are hereby repealed to the extent they are inconsistent herewith.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 7 day of April, 2020.



Mike Early, Mayor

Attest: 
Linda Lapeyrouse, Town Clerk

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Approved as to Form:



Warren Tillery, Town Attorney