

DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Webster County, Georgia, has experienced an event of critical significance as a result of COVID-19 PANDEMIC on March 28, 2020 and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Webster Board of Commissioners, with advice from the Webster County Sheriff's Department and the Webster County Emergency Management Agency, there exist emergency circumstances located in Webster County requiring extraordinary and immediate corrective actions for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Webster County, including individuals with household pets and service animals; and

WHEREAS, to prevent or minimize injury to people and damage to property resulting from this event.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by local and state law;

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that a local state of emergency exists and shall continue until the conditions requiring this declaration are abated.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- (1) That the Webster County Emergency Management Agency activates the Emergency Operations Plan;
- (2) That the following sections of the Webster County Code be implemented:
 - Section 12-13 Closed or Restricted Areas and Curfews section
 - (a) Unlawful acts. To preserve, protect or sustain the life, health, welfare or safety of persons, or their property, within Webster County under a declaration of emergency, it shall be unlawful for any person to travel, loiter, wander or stroll in or upon the public streets, highways, roads, lanes, parks or other public grounds, public places, vacant lots or any other place during a declared emergency between the hours of 9 P.M. and 5 A.M. until the curfew is lifted.

THEREFORE, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

BY THE GOVERNOR'S ORDER SIGNED MARCH 23RD, 2020,

- (1) It is Further Ordered That, all businesses which possess a license to operate as or otherwise meet the definition of "Bar" as defined by Code Section 3-1-2(2.1) shall cease operation while this order is in effect.