DECLARATION AND RATIFICATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY WITHIN FULTON COUNTY DUE TO THE THREAT AND IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND ORDER OF CLOSURE OR MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN BUSINESS ACTIVITIES COUNTYWIDE TO MINIMIZE DIRECT HUMAN CONTACT

On this 24th day of March, 2020, the Fulton County Board of Health declares that there exists a public health emergency within Fulton County due to the pandemic of the novel coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), and ratifies the prior declarations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services on January 31, 2020 under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 247d; and the national emergency declared by the President of the United States on March 13, 2020 under the authority of 50 U.S.C. 1601, et seq.; the Fulton County and the Resolution of the Fulton County Board of Health to Declare and Ratify Public Declarations of a Local Public Health Emergency in Fulton County Due to the Threat and Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic. This public health emergency is in effect until further notice.

As directed by the Fulton County Board of Health, I further command the closure of all dine-in restaurants throughout Fulton County, provided that they may conduct drive-through, delivery, and/or pick-up services as long as the manner in which such services are provided allows for both staff and customers to maintain a safe social distance of six feet (6’) between all persons; and

I further command the limitation of all gatherings countywide to fewer than ten (10) people, and to restrict to fewer than ten (10) people all non-essential business activities throughout Fulton County that require direct human contact or that tend to involve crowding or assembling in close spaces where it is difficult or impossible to practice social distancing until further notice. By way of example, such business activities include but are not limited to massage services, nail salon services, beauty
salon services, adult entertainment facilities, bars, night clubs, private events, exercise facilities and classes, and church gatherings.

I further command that all essential businesses, as shall be defined in consultation with the Board of Health also limit, to the extent possible in the exercise of their essential activities, all gatherings to fewer than ten (10) people in one location, and the ability to maintain a safe social distance of six feet (6') between all persons. This declaration is not intended to and does not create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable in law or in equity by any party against Fulton County Board of Health, its departments, agencies, officials, employees, agents or any other person or entity.

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