

## **DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, Taylor County, Georgia anticipates an event of critical significance as a result of the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on March 25, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States declared a National Public Health Emergency on March 13, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Georgia declared a State Public Health Emergency on March 14, 2020 and urged “local officials to do what’s in the best interests of their communities to keep people safe and stop the spread of coronavirus” on March 19, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, in the judgement of the Taylor County Board of Commissioners, with advice from the Taylor County Emergency Management Agency, there exist emergency circumstances located in Taylor County including the City of Butler and the City of Reynolds, requiring extraordinary and immediate corrective actions for the protection of health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Taylor County; and

**WHEREAS**, to prevent or minimize injury to people and damage to property resulting from this event, certain actions are required.

**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 circumstances requiring this declaration are abated.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:**

- (1) That the Taylor County Emergency Management Agency activates the Emergency Operations Plan;
- (2) That the following sections of the Taylor County, City of Butler and City of Reynolds Code be Implemented:
  - a. Authority to Waive Procedures and Fee Structures
  - b. Registration of Building and Repair Services
  - c. Closed or Restricted Areas and Curfews
  - d. Emergency Purchasing
  - e. Price Gouging

(3) That the following measures also be implemented:  
RESERVED

Entered at 4:35 PM Hrs on 03/25/2020

W. Albert Reynolds

**Chairman, Taylor Co. Commissioners**

Barry Whaley

**Mayor of Butler**

Walter E. Turner

**Mayor of Reynolds**

Vicki P. Wainwright

**Attest**