

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF EDGEFIELD)

RESOLUTION NO. 20-21-1128

**CALLING ON THE CITIZENS OF EDGEFIELD COUNTY TO TAKE
RECOMMENDED PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT THE FURTHER SPREAD OF THE
COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, the 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death by the SARSCo V-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus previously unidentified in humans and which can spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (the "CDC") has warned of the high public health threat posed by COVID-19 globally and in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency in the United States for COVID-19 under Section 391 of the Public Health Service Act; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency, which began on March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, also on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of South Carolina (the "State") issued Executive Order 2020-08, declaring a State of Emergency based on a determination that the COVID-19 poses an actual or imminent public health emergency for the State; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State has subsequently declared a continued State of Emergency in Executive Orders 2020-15 (March 28), 2020-23 (April 12), 2020-29 (April 27), 2020-35 (May 12), 2020-38 (May 27), and 2020-40 (June 11); and

WHEREAS, the State is experiencing an increase in the number of identified new COVID19 cases, and as of June 30, 2020, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC") is reporting that there have been 36,297 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 735 confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the State; and

WHEREAS, we realize that COVID-19 is not going away, so we as a community must reduce or eliminate death from the virus while doing as little economic damage to our small business community, the backbone of our County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Edgefield is committed to working with the community to provide a safe County for its citizens to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, health authorities, including the CDC, the Surgeon General of the United States, and DHEC have recommended the use of face coverings as a means of preventing the spread of COVID-19;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the County of Edgefield that:

The Council of the County of Edgefield, based on the recommendations of public health experts and responsive to a serious threat to the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens, hereby strongly encourages its residents, businesses, and visitors as follows:

1. Edgefield County Council hereby calls on the citizens of Edgefield County to take the Centers for Disease Control and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control's recommended precautions to prevent the further spread of the COVID-10 pandemic.
2. Edgefield County Council recommends that the citizens of Edgefield County take appropriate steps including but not limited to social distancing, the use of hand sanitizer, the frequent washing of hands, the use of properly worn masks or face coverings, the avoidance of large crowds, staying home when feeling ill and quarantining if one believes they may have been in contact with an infected individual.
3. Edgefield County Council further recommends that retail and food service establishments, manufacturers, and other service providers take steps appropriate to their specific circumstances to protect their employees and customers.
4. Edgefield County Council does hereby express its appreciation and commends those citizens that have already taken those steps to protect themselves and others from this pandemic.

Adopted this 5th day of August 2020.

Edgefield County Council

ATTEST

H. Scott Cooper, Chair

Jennifer L. Gilley, Clerk to Council