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RESOLUTION NO. 20-07-104

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY

Calling on the Citizens of Aiken County to Take Recommended Precautions to Prevent the Further Spread of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

WHEREAS:

- 1. The COVID-19 Virus, discovered in China, continues to spread throughout the State of South Carolina as well as the entire United States; and
- 2. While many areas of the Country have seen a slowing of the spread of the virus, South Carolina has continued to see a rise in the number of cases reported and the Governor's declaration of emergency for the State is still in effect; and
- 3. The National Centers for Disease Control and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control have issued guidelines and recommendations to help prevent the spread of the virus; and
- 4. County Council has confidence in the citizens of Aiken County to make decisions about their own personal health and safety and thinks it is not prudent to impose mandates that would be difficult to enforce and would place the burden of compliance on business owners and shop managers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE AIKEN COUNTY COUNCIL:

- 1. Aiken County Council hereby calls on the citizens of Aiken 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-19 pandemic.
- 2. Aiken County Council recommends that the citizens of Aiken 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.
- Aiken 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. Aiken 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 at the regular meeting of Aiken County Council on July 21, 2020.

ATTEST:

Katelyn Hayes, Council Clerk

SIGNED

Gary Bunker, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE: Unanimous