MARSHALL COUNTY GOVERNMENT

**COVID-19 EMERGENCY ORDER #1**

BY THE COUNTY MAYOR

**AN ORDER DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN**

**MARSHALL COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

**WHEREAS**,Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease caused by the SARS-Co V-2 virus that can result in mild or severe symptoms, including fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and can lead to serious illness or death.

**WHEREAS**,COVID-19 is frequently spread through close contact between people and respiratory transmission; and

**WHEREAS**, in late 2019, a significant outbreak of COVID-19 was identified in China, and this disease has since spread to many other countries; and

**WHEREAS**, to date, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), COVID-19 has been detected in each of the fifty states, with over 213,144 cases of COVID-19 identified throughout the United States, of which have resulted in 4,513 deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 16, 2020, the Tennessee Department of Health activated the State Health Operations Center (SHOC), and on January 21, 2020, following CDC guidance, the Department designated COVID-19 as a reportable disease in Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency to aid the nation’s healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a global pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, Governor Bill Lee has declared a state of emergency in Tennessee to facilitate our States’ responses to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 30, 2020, Governor Lee issued executive order No. 22, directing Tennesseans to stay home unless engaging in essential activities. As of the date of said order, there were 2,845 total cases of COVID-19 in Tennessee. The reported cases have continued to rise since that time.

**WHEREAS**, On April 2, 2020, Governor Bill Lee issued executive order No. 23, an order amending executive order No 22, requiring Tennesseans to stay home unless engaging in essential activity or essential services; and

**WHEREAS**, as of April 2, 2020 Marshall County has two confirmed cases of COVID-19: and

**WHEREAS**, the spread and identification of additional cases of COVID-19 in Tennessee is likely to continue, and therefore, taking proactive steps to prevent a substantial risk to public health and safety is paramount; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee Code Annotated, 58-8-104 and 58-2-110 provide that the County Mayor has the authority to declare a state of local emergency, limited to 7 days, but may be extended as necessary in 7 day increments, and gives County Mayors the ability to “suspend the procedures relative to “performance of public work and take whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community.”

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Mike Keny, the Mayor of Marshall County, in the interest of public safety and welfare pursuant to the statutes of the State of Tennessee and other applicable laws, herein, declare a state of local emergency for Marshall County, Tennessee, in order to facilitate an appropriate, proactive response to the Coronavirus in our community, and order the following:

1. All of the Constitutional Officers and County Department heads controlling or supervising facilities that allow the General Public physical access will be limited, beginning Monday, April 6, 2020 through Monday, April 13, 2020.

2. County offices will remain open and with limited staff. Certain court functions and filings will still occur; however, there will be limited public access to those buildings consistent with the Order of Tennessee Supreme Court regarding access to the courts. All County facility doors will be posted with signage indicating the office phone numbers, extensions, website and online services access as well as other pertinent information for the transaction of the public’s business by phone, fax, internet, and/or other means that office or department may develop.

3. All county departments have been directed to minimize staffing and create work shifts that will separate supervisors and key department personnel operating under Attendance Requirements for Coronavirus COVID-19 Health Crisis April 6, 2020 through April 13, 2020. Employees who are authorized to work from home and/ or be on call and follow the guidelines as stipulated in the policy will receive their normal full pay. Employees who choose not to abide by the requirements may be allowed to remain at home on unpaid leave or use available accrued vacation time at the Department Head/Elected Official’s discretion.

Employees who are sick have been directed to stay home and follow the CDC guidelines in seeking medical attention. A temporary directive of staffing management and directives in the application of sick leave and other benefits is adopted and has been delivered to Human Resources.

4. Per the Marshall County Director of Schools, Marshall County Schools shall be closed effective through April 20, 2020 until further orders.

5. Individuals in Marshall County are encouraged to not participate in social gatherings of ten or more people.

6. Individuals, Businesses, Government Agencies, Houses of Worship and other Organizations in Marshall County are encouraged to adhere to all precautions advised by the Center for Disease Control, President Donald Trump and Tennessee Governor Bill Lee, and implement measures to protect our citizens and reduce the spread of COVID-19.

7. Individuals in Marshall County are encouraged to not eat or drink onsite at restaurants, bars or other similar food and drink establishments.

8. Restaurants and other similar food and drink establishments in Marshall County are encouraged to offer drive through, carry-out or delivery services for food and drink; and individuals are encouraged to use such options to support such local businesses.

9. Due to the existence of this emergency, the Marshall County Operations Plan shall be placed into effect by the Marshall County Office of Emergency Management to coordinate and facilitate an effective response to and recovery from this emergency.

10. The order shall remain in effect for seven days, at which time the same will be

extended, amended or otherwise addressed.

It is so ORDERED this the day of April, 2020.

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MARSHALL COUNTY MAYOR

Attest:

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MARSHALL COUNTY CLERK