RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF TUNICA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN AN EFFORT TO CONTROL A CONTAGIOUS AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND RELATED PURPOSES

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Mississippi Code Annotated ("Miss. Code Ann.") §33-15-11(b)(17), Governor Tate Reeves declared that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Mississippi as a result of the outbreak of Coronavirus disease 2019 commonly referred to as "the coronavirus" or "COVID-19;" and

WHEREAS, the risk of the spread of the COVID-19 virus within the State of Mississippi and Tunica County, Mississippi ("the County") constitutes a public emergency that has resulted in substantial injury or harm to life, health and property within the State and the County; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2020 there were positive cases of COVID-19 confirmed in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") guidelines strongly recommend avoiding crowds and gatherings of more than ten (10) people; and

WHEREAS, the Tunica County Board of Supervisors ("the Board") has the obligation and authority to promote and protect public safety, social welfare and economic well-being within the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by Miss. Code Ann.§ 33-15-17, the Board may enact various measures to protect public safety, social welfare and economic well-beingin the event of epidemics, pandemics and related emergencies deemed a threat to the health, safety and welfare in the County; and

WHEREAS, a curfew will substantially assist in curtailing the spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TUNICA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, APPROVE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

- **Section 1**. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §33-15-17, a State of Emergency be, and is hereby, declared within the confines of the County due to the COVID-19 global pandemic.
- **Section 2.** For as long as the Governor's Emergency Proclamation remains in effect and until further order of the Board, all restaurants doing business in the County shall limit all food service to the use of drive-thru, curbside pick-up or delivery methods, thus the use by the public of interior or exterior common dining facilities is hereby prohibited.
- **Section 3.** Due to the closure of businesses and public areas in response COVID-19, the following curfew is appropriate and shall become affective immediately:

- A. Individuals under the age of eighteen (18) are not to be in public areas between the hours of 10:00 P.M. through 5:00 A.M., unless:
 - 1. accompanied by the individual's parent or guardian;
 - 2. at the individual's own place of employment or, traveling to or from the individual's place of employment for work purposes; or
 - 3. traveling as a result of an emergency.
- B. Individuals age 18 and older are not to be in public areas between the hours of 12:00 A.M. through 5:00 A.M., unless:
 - 1. at the individual's own place of employment or, traveling to or from the individual's place of employment for work purposes; or
 - 2. traveling as a result of an emergency.

Section 4. The Board strongly encourages all churches, businesses and families in the County to adhere to the CDC guidelines and Governor's request of not more than ten (10) people gathering.

Section 5. The President of the Board is authorized, in the interest of protecting the health, safety and welfare of the County's citizens, to order a general curfew or to order limits to individual gatherings, as conditions may require in the future during the declared State of Emergency.

Section 6. The decisions of the Board stated herein are not intended to be contrary to Executive Order No. 1463 executed by Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves but rather in partnership thereto.

After being moved by Supervisor Henry Nickson, Jr. and seconded by Supervisor Phillis V. Williams, the Board voted to adopt this Resolution.

A vote was taken as follows:

Supervisor McKinley Daley:	Aye
Supervisor Michael E. Johnson, Jr.:	Aye
Supervisor James E. Dunn:	Aye
Supervisor Henry Nickson, Jr.:	Aye
Supervisor Phillis V. Williams:	Aye

Dated this the 30th day of March, 2020.

McKinley Daley, Board Presiden

Rechelle R. Siggers, Board Clerk

Attested: