

# Resolution 2020-020: State of Emergency Declaration

**Whereas** on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the President of the United States pursuant to the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1601, et seq, has declared that the outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID - 19) constitutes a national emergency: and,

**Whereas** on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Louisiana Governor Jon Bel Edwards issued Proclamation #25 JBE 2020 regarding the Public Health Emergency – COVID -19, declaring an imminent threat posed to Louisiana citizens by the virus, creating emergency conditions that threaten the life and health of the citizens of the state of Louisiana, pursuant to LA R. S. 29:766: and

**Whereas** the Town of Jonesboro in Jackson Parish may be greatly affected or has been affected by the virus SARS – CoV-2 and the disease may pose an imminent threat to the Town of Jonesboro and threaten the safety and security of the citizens of the Town of Jonesboro: and,

**Whereas** the Town of Jonesboro may activate any necessary emergency plans and activities in response to this event and that this may exceed the Parish’s capability to respond to this possibly life threatening crisis, and as such the Town of Jonesboro takes this measure in order to participate in any response and recovery plan administered by the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and their power to act as administrator, as per LA R. S. 29:767, and pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance Act as amended, LA R. S. 29-721, et seq,

**Now therefore, be it resolved** that that beginning March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and continuing until April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020, pursuant to the authority granted in LA R. S. 29:737, a State of Public Health Emergency is hereby declared for the Town of Jonesboro, Jackson Parish, State of Louisiana