

RESOLUTION 2020-09

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING SUSPENDING IN-PERSON PROCEEDINGS AT COUNTY COURTHOUSE
OR OTHER COUNTY BUILDINGS**

WHEREAS, ALA. CODE § 11-1-8 states in pertinent part, "The county commission of any county in the State of Alabama may by resolution close the offices in the county courthouse or other county buildings on legal holidays set pursuant to Section 1-3-8, or for special circumstances deemed necessary or appropriate. Notice of the closing shall be posted at the courthouse and shall be published otherwise in the manner as the county commission may direct."

WHEREAS, ALA. CODE § 31-9-10(b)(6) states in pertinent part, " The governing body of each political subdivision shall have the power and authority . . . (6) To close, notwithstanding Section 11-1-8, any and all public buildings owned or leased by and under the control of the political subdivision where emergency conditions warrant, whether or not a local state of emergency has been declared by the governing body of the political subdivision."

WHEREAS, a state of emergency has been issued by the Governor of the State of Alabama and the President of the United States related to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Houston County Commission has joined the State and Federal Government in declaring an emergency due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus epidemic;

WHEREAS, public health agencies have recommended the practice of social distancing and self-isolation to slow the spread of the pandemic to assist healthcare providers in keeping the number of those experiencing severe symptoms at a manageable level;

WHEREAS, operations of local schools have been suspended, creating childcare issues for many employees;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that additional orders and recommendations from the State and Federal level will make it increasingly difficult to maintain routine operations; and

WHEREAS, the Houston County Commission finds that emergency conditions warrant, and deems it in the county's best interest for, in-person proceedings at such buildings to be suspended based upon the threat to health of the citizens of Houston County, Alabama, posed by COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this Resolution that the Houston County Commission hereby suspends all in-person proceedings at all public buildings owned or leased by and under the control of the Houston County Commission through April 5, 2020, except as required by law or provided for under Administrative Order of the Supreme Court of Alabama.

Notice to be provided according to law.

The above and foregoing Resolution is adopted and approved on this the 19th day of March, 2020, by the Houston County Commission.




MARK S. CULVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE
HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION

Authenticated:


Peter B. Covert, Chief Administrative Officer

Commissioner Sinquefield moved that said Resolution be adopted, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Herring, and, upon said motion being put to vote, the following vote was recorded:

YEAS: 2

NAYS: 0

The Chairman thereupon announced that said motion had passed and the Resolution was adopted.