1. Call to Order - Mayor Sulka

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Invocation

4. Public Comment * - Pertaining to Agenda Items Only

5. Formal Items:
   

6. Work Session Items:
   
   1. Roberts Rules of Order – Terry Finger, Town Attorney

7. Town Council Discussion and Q & A

8. Adjournment

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MEETING DATE: April 30, 2020

PROJECT: Consideration of an Emergency Resolution of the Town of Bluffton, South Carolina, in Furtherance of the Health, Public Safety and Welfare of the Town of Bluffton, South Carolina, to Urge Businesses and Citizens to Maintain Necessary and Proper Protective Procedures for the Health, Safety and Welfare of the Citizens of the Town of Bluffton

PROJECT MANAGER: Scott Marshall, MPA, ICMA-CM, Deputy Town Manager

RECOMMENDATION:
Request Town Council’s consideration of the Emergency Resolution at Attachment 1. The intent of the Resolution is to express full support of South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster’s Executive Order 2020-28 and to recommend and encourage best practices to protect employees and patrons in light of the allowed opening of additional retail establishments.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:
The City of Charleston, South Carolina, in response to Executive order 2020-28, adopted an Emergency Ordinance on April 20, 2020, titled “Decreasing Risk of Exposure to COVID in Retail Businesses,” a copy of which is found at Attachment 2. The ordinance specifies certain requirements for retailers with regard to maximum occupancy signage, social distancing practices, sanitation/cleaning standards and monitoring of employees.

The Town of Hilton Head Island adopted a Resolution on April 21, 2020 “Urging All Citizens to Wear Protective Face Masks When Shopping or Visiting Retail Stores,” a copy of which is found at Attachment 3.

The Resolution presented for your consideration at Attachment 1 captures the intent of the Governor’s Executive order 2020-128 as well as the elements of both the City of Charleston Emergency Ordinance and Town of Hilton Head Island Resolution.

NEXT STEPS:
Next steps include communicating, through all practical means, the recommendations and best practices contained within the Resolution to affected businesses within the Town of Bluffton and assisting businesses in following them as feasibly as possible.
ATTACHMENTS:


2. City of Charleston Emergency Ordinance on Decreasing Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Retail Businesses.

3. Town of Hilton Head Island Resolution Urging All Citizens to Wear Protective Face Masks When Shopping or Visiting Retail Stores.

4. Language to support a motion for adoption.
EMERGENCY RESOLUTION No. 2020-
TOWN OF BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN FURTHERANCE OF THE HEALTH, PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO URGE BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS TO MAINTAIN NECESSARY AND PROPER PROTECTIVE PROCEDURES FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON

WHEREAS, the recitals of all prior Emergency Ordinances and Proclamations are incorporated as fully as if repeated verbatim herein; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2020, President Donald Trump issued guidelines entitled "Opening Up America Again," describing criteria that state and local officials should satisfy before proceeding to a phased opening of the economy; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2020, Governor McMaster issued an Executive Order 2020-28, reopening retail businesses previously determined to be non-essential including department stores, furniture stores, luggage stores, flower shops, book, craft and music shops subject to certain emergency rules and restrictions, including but not limited to an emergency maximum occupancy rate, social distancing practices, and compliance with certain sanitation guidelines and further ordered any local ordinance that conflicts with the Order is superseded; and

WHEREAS, as of April 24, 2020, the total number of cases of persons infected with COVID-19 in South Carolina is 5,070, with 157 deaths; including 244 cases in Beaufort County with 10 deaths; and

WHEREAS, as of April 24, 2020, the State of South Carolina has not seen a two-week downward trajectory of documented cases; and

WHEREAS, our citizens have observed the Governor's Home or Work Order which has currently led to a flattening of the curve but it is critical that we continue to stay at home unless providing or requiring an essential service and practicing social distancing and other safe practices in public so the Town does not experience a reversal of this trend; and

WHEREAS, with the reopening of retail businesses, the Town of Bluffton finds it is necessary to recommend procedures, methods, and steps to try to protect its citizens, employers, and employees from increased risk of exposure to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bluffton will continue to monitor on a daily basis the number of new cases and deaths and other circumstances related to COVID-19 in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council deems it appropriate to warn people shopping in the retail stores opened under the aforesaid Executive Order that there is a continuing risk of infection which risk may be increased if citizens fail to wear masks in those stores and continue to practice safety
measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and others.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, in accordance with the foregoing, as follows:

Article 1. Citizens are encouraged and urged to wear protective face masks and use other recommended safety measures when shopping and visiting retail stores opened by Executive Order of the Governor during the State of Emergency.

Article 2. The Town of Bluffton advises it will enforce all Executive Orders of the Governor of the State of South Carolina that have been issued regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. The Executive Orders have been issued to promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town, its employers, and employees. Executive Order 2020-28 will be enforced, and it mandates:

1) Emergency Maximum Occupancy Rate. The business shall limit the number of customers allowed to enter and simultaneously occupy the premises so as not to exceed five (5) customers per 1,000 square feet of retail space, or twenty percent (20%) of the occupancy limit as determined by the Fire Marshal, whichever is less.

2) Social Distancing Practices. The business shall not knowingly allow customers, patrons, other guests, employees or contractors to congregate within six (6) feet of one another, exclusive of family units.

3) Sanitation. The business should implement all reasonable steps to comply with any applicable sanitation guidelines promulgated by the CDC, DHEC, or any other state or federal public health officials.

Article 3. The Town hereby attaches to this Resolution Exhibit “A,” Best Practices Guide for businesses and urges all business owners, employees, and citizens to use legitimate and sincere efforts to implement these Best Practices.

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION.


Lisa Sulka, Mayor
Town of Bluffton, South Carolina

Fred Hamilton, Mayor Pro Tempore
Town of Bluffton, South Carolina

Bridgette Frazier, Councilmember
Town of Bluffton, South Carolina
Larry Toomer, Councilmember
Town of Bluffton, South Carolina

Dan Wood, Councilmember
Town of Bluffton, South Carolina
EXHIBIT “A”

BEST PRACTICES GUIDE FOR BUSINESSES TO SAFELY PREVENT THE FURTHER SPREAD OF COVID-19

1) Social Distancing Best Practices. To facilitate social distancing, businesses should further implement the following:
   a. Maintain signage and/or mark floors and aisles to remind and help individuals stand at least 6 feet apart, including outside when in line and in store checkout lines.
   b. In stores with multiple aisles, designate each aisle as one-way to lessen cross traffic and enable social distancing.
   c. Frequent reminders to customers and staff about distancing and hygiene.

2) Sanitation Best Practices. To facilitate the best sanitation, the business should implement all reasonable steps to comply with any applicable sanitation guidelines promulgated by the CDC, DHEC, or any other state or federal public health officials. Reasonable steps include:
   a. Operating under heightened hygiene and cleaning standards:
      1) Promote etiquette for coughing, sneezing, and handwashing and avoid touching face, especially eyes, nose, and mouth.
      2) Avoid handshaking.
      3) Encourage the use of masks by employees.
      4) Ensure adequate air circulation.
      5) Discourage workers from sharing resources or other work tools and equipment, when possible.
      6) Require routine disinfecting and perform routine environmental cleaning (e.g., workstations, countertops, handrails, doorknobs, break rooms, bathrooms, other-common areas), either twice a day or after each use.
      7) Those cleaning should: Wear gloves; Clean surfaces with soap and water if dirty before disinfecting; Use EPA-registered or similar household disinfectant, diluted bleach, or alcohol solutions; Provide disposable wipes so that commonly used surfaces (e.g., doorknobs, keyboards, remote controls, phones, desks, keypads) can be wiped down by employees before each use; provide no-touch trash bins.
      8) Make hand sanitizer, soap and water, or effective disinfectant readily available at or near the entrance, at checkout counters, or anywhere else where people have direct interactions.
      9) Provide additional pop-up handwashing stations or facilities if possible.
     10) Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) should not be shared and should be disposed of properly.
     11) After using gloves, employees should wash their hands.
b. Monitoring employees for symptoms:
   1) Employees who are sick or who appear to have symptoms should be separated from other employees and customers immediately and sent home.
   2) Immediately clean and disinfect areas the sick employee visited.
   3) Monitor employee symptoms, especially fever. If employees need to take simple medications acetaminophen, ibuprofen, or aspirin, they should take temperature beforehand.
   4) Train managers/leadership to spot symptoms of COVID-19 and to be clear on relevant protocols.
   5) Discourage employees to come to work if they feel sick.
   6) Non-punitive leave policies should be used, so employees do not feel pressured to come to work if they are sick. Remind employees to report any illness to manager, especially if sick with fever, cough, muscle aches and pains, sudden changes in smell or taste, sore throat, and/or shortness of breath.
   7) If an employee is confirmed to have COVID-19, employers should inform fellow employees while maintaining confidentiality unless the employee consents to having their name released; fellow employees should self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days.

c. Providing signage at each public entrance to inform all employees and customers that they should:
   1) Avoid entering if they have a cough, fever, or feel generally unwell.
   2) Maintain a minimum of 6-foot distance.
   3) Wear face coverings.
   4) Encourage customers to order food and other items online for home delivery or curbside pickup.

d. Ensuring cleaning wipes are near shopping carts and shopping baskets.

e. Assigning employees to disinfect carts and baskets regularly.

f. Wiping down shared equipment before and after use; ensure disinfectants and paper towels to wipe down equipment are available.
EMERGENCY ORDINANCE
ON DECREASING RISK OF EXPOSURE TO COVID-19
IN RETAIL BUSINESSES

Section 1. Findings. City Council does hereby make the following findings:

WHEREAS, in December 2019, an outbreak respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus (COVID–19), was first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, and has spread outside of China, across the world, including the United States; and,

WHEREAS, it is well recognized that COVID-19 presents a public health concern that requires extraordinary protective measures and vigilance; and;

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2020, the Center for Disease Control (“CDC”) activated its Emergency Response System to provide ongoing support for the response to COVID–19; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency to assist with combating the coronavirus, and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Henry McMaster (the “Governor”) declared a state of emergency in South Carolina, Executive Order 2020-10, based on a determination that “COVID-19 poses an actual or imminent public health emergency”; and,

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Mayor John J. Tecklenburg declared a local state of emergency in the City of Charleston; and,

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-10, ordering and directing that any and all restaurants or other food-service establishments to suspend on-premises or dine-in consumption; and,

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-13, authorizing and directing law enforcement officers to prohibit or disburse any congregation or gathering of people, unless authorized or in their homes, in groups of three (3) or more people, if any such law enforcement official determines, in his or her discretion, that any such congregation or gathering of people poses, or could pose, a threat to public health; and,
WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, City Council passed a Stay at Home Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2020-042) which required individuals to stay in their homes and not travel or congregate in the streets of Charleston except for purposes of working at or conducting business with an essential business or engaging in individual outdoor recreational activities; and,

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-14, directing that individuals who enter the State of South Carolina from an area with a substantial community spread of COVID-19 be required isolate or self-quarantine; and,

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-15, declaring a separate and distinct state of emergency “due to the evolving nature and scope of the public health threat or other risks posed by COVID-19 and the actual, ongoing, and anticipated impacts associated with the same” and extending certain previous Executive Orders for the duration of the state of emergency; and,

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-16, closing any and all public beach access points and public piers, docks, wharfs, boat ramps, and boat landings; and,

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-17, closing or restricting access to certain non-essential businesses, venues, facilities, services, and activities; and,

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, City Council passed a second Stay at Home Ordinance which modified the March 24, 2020 ordinance to include provisions contained in Governor McMaster’s executive orders regarding dispersing of crowds (2020-13); quarantining of individuals from New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut (2020-14); closing of beaches and boat landings (2020-16) and closing of non-essential businesses (2020-17); and,

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, Governor Henry McMaster issued an Executive Order (2020-18) closing additional non-essential businesses; and,

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, Governor Henry McMaster, recognizing that public health officials had reported over 2,000 cases of COVID-19 in South Carolina, issued a Work or Home Executive Order (2020-21) which limited individuals from moving outside their homes except to engage in Essential Businesses; Essential Activities, and Critical Infrastructure Operations as defined in the Order; and,

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-23, recognizing that public health officials had reported over 3,319 confirmed cases of COVID-19 throughout South Carolina, and stating that “the extraordinary circumstances and conditions that necessitated” the Governor’s “prior emergency declarations have not subsided and have, in fact, evolved and expanded to present different and additional risks and dangers,” and explaining that
the State “has transitioned from the investigation, reporting, and initiation phases of the COVID-19 pandemic to the acceleration phase”; and,

WHEREAS, in Executive Order 2020-23, the Governor declared a separate and distinct state of emergency based on a determination “that the accelerated spread of COVID-19 throughout the State poses an actual, ongoing, and evolving public health threat to the State of South Carolina, which now represents a new and distinct emergency and requires additional proactive action by the [State] and the implementation and enforcement of further extraordinary measures to slow the spread of COVID-19, minimize the strain on healthcare providers, and otherwise respond to and mitigate the expanding public health threat imposed by [the] emergency”; and,

WHEREAS, in Executive Order 2020-23, the Governor declared a separate and distinct state of emergency based on a determination “that the accelerated spread of COVID-19 throughout the State poses an actual, ongoing, and evolving public health threat to the State of South Carolina, which now represents a new and distinct emergency and requires additional proactive action by the [State] and the implementation and enforcement of further extraordinary measures to slow the spread of COVID-19, minimize the strain on healthcare providers, and otherwise respond to and mitigate the expanding public health threat imposed by [the] emergency”; and,

WHEREAS, in Executive Order 2020-23, the Governor declared a separate and distinct state of emergency based on a determination “that the accelerated spread of COVID-19 throughout the State poses an actual, ongoing, and evolving public health threat to the State of South Carolina, which now represents a new and distinct emergency and requires additional proactive action by the [State] and the implementation and enforcement of further extraordinary measures to slow the spread of COVID-19, minimize the strain on healthcare providers, and otherwise respond to and mitigate the expanding public health threat imposed by [the] emergency”; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-25, determining that “the ongoing, evolving, and accelerating public health threat imposed by COVID-19 requires additional proactive action by the [State] and the implementation, extension, or modification of additional extraordinary measures to cope with the existing or anticipated situation, to include mitigating the significant economic and other impacts and burdens on individuals, families and businesses,” while generally reopening public boat ramps or boat landings, as well as adjacent or associated public parking lots, for the purpose of launching and retrieving boats; and,

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-25, determining that “the ongoing, evolving, and accelerating public health threat imposed by COVID-19 requires additional proactive action by the [State] and the implementation, extension, or modification of additional extraordinary measures to cope with the existing or anticipated situation, to include mitigating the significant economic and other impacts and burdens on individuals, families and businesses,” while generally reopening public boat ramps or boat landings, as well as adjacent or associated public parking lots, for the purpose of launching and retrieving boats; and,

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2020, President Donald Trump issued guidelines entitled “Opening Up America Again,” describing criteria that state and local officials should satisfy before proceeding to a phased opening of the economy; and,

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WHEREAS, with the reopening of retail businesses, the City of Charleston finds it is necessary to take steps to try to protect its citizens, employers, and employees from increased risk of exposure to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston will continue to monitor on a daily basis the number of new cases and deaths and other circumstances related to COVID-19 in the City, including the impact of the coronavirus on our vulnerable and minority populations; and,

WHEREAS, in the upcoming weeks, as the City monitors this situation and the evolving medical and scientific information, we are prepared to take additional restrictive measures to limit any increase in the outbreak of COVID-19 in the City.

Section 2. Effective Thursday, April 23, 2020, 12:01 a.m., all retail businesses in the City of Charleston that are open for access by the public shall follow the following procedures to be modified by the Mayor as necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City, its employers, and employees:

1) Emergency Maximum Occupancy Rate. The business shall limit the number of customers allowed to enter and simultaneously occupy the premises so as not to exceed five (5) customers per 1,000 square feet of retail space, or twenty percent (20%) of the occupancy limit as determined by the Fire Marshal, whichever is less. The business shall post the maximum occupancy as calculated herein on the public entrances of the business and shall have at least one employee on site at all times the business is open who is responsible for ensuring that the number of customers on the premises does not exceed the maximum occupancy.

2) Social Distancing Practices. The business shall not knowingly allow customers, patrons, other guests, employees or contractors to congregate within six (6) feet of one another, exclusive of family units. To facilitate social distancing, businesses shall further implement the following:
   a. Maintain signage and/or mark floors and aisles to remind and help individuals stand at least 6 feet apart, including outside when in line and in store check-out lines.
   b. Designate each aisle as one-way to lessen cross traffic and enable social distancing.
   c. Frequent reminders to customers and staff about distancing and hygiene.

3) Sanitation. The business shall implement all reasonable steps to comply with any applicable sanitation guidelines promulgated by the CDC, DHEC, or any other state or federal public health officials, as well as:
   a. Operating under heightened hygiene and cleaning standards:
      1) Promote etiquette for coughing, sneezing, and handwashing.
      2) Avoid touching face, especially eyes, nose, and mouth.
      3) Place posters that encourage hand and respiratory hygiene.
      4) Ensure adequate air circulation and post tips on how to stop the spread of germs.
5) Discourage workers from sharing resources or other work tools and equipment, when possible; avoid handshaking.

6) Make a list of high-touch surfaces requiring routine disinfecting and perform routine environmental cleaning (e.g., workstations, countertops, handrails, doorknobs, break rooms, bathrooms, other common areas), either twice a day or after each use.

7) Keep a logbook of cleaning regimen.

8) Those cleaning should: Wear gloves; Clean surfaces with soap and water if dirty before disinfecting; Use EPA-registered household disinfectant, diluted bleach, or alcohol solutions; Provide disposable wipes so that commonly used surfaces (e.g., doorknobs, keyboards, remote controls, phones, desks, keypads) can be wiped down by employees before each use; provide no-touch trash bins.

9) Make hand sanitizer, soap and water, or effective disinfectant readily available at or near the entrance, at checkout counters, or anywhere else where people have direct interactions.

10) Provide additional pop-up handwashing stations or facilities if possible.

11) Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) should not be shared and should be disposed of properly.

12) After using gloves, employees should wash their hands.

b. Monitoring employees for symptoms:

1) Employees who are sick or who appear to have symptoms should be separated from other employees and customers immediately and sent home.

2) Immediately clean and disinfect areas the sick employee visited.

3) Monitor employee symptoms, especially fever. If employees need to take simple medications acetaminophen, ibuprofen, or aspirin, they should take temperature beforehand.

4) Train managers/leadership to spot symptoms of COVID-19 and to be clear on relevant protocols.

5) Do not allow employees to come to work if they feel sick.

6) Non-punitive leave policies are in place, so employees do not feel pressured to come to work if they are sick. Remind employees to report any illness to manager, especially if sick with fever, cough, muscle aches and pains, sudden changes in smell or taste, sore throat, and/or shortness of breath.

7) If an employee is confirmed to have COVID-19, employers should inform fellow employees while maintaining confidentiality; fellow employees should self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days.

c. Providing signage at each public entrance to inform all employees and customers that they should:

1) Avoid entering if they have a cough, fever, or feel generally unwell.
2) Maintain a minimum of 6-foot distance.
3) Sneeze/cough into a cloth or tissue.
4) Not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact.
5) Wear face coverings.
6) Encourage customers to order food and other items online for home delivery or curbside pickup.

d. Ensuring cleaning wipes are near shopping carts and shopping baskets.
e. Providing hand sanitizer at checkout counters and entrance/exit.
f. Having employees wear face coverings.
g. Assigning employees to disinfect carts and baskets regularly.
h. Wiping down shared equipment before and after use; ensure disinfectant and paper towels to wipe down equipment is available.

Section 3. Businesses shall not be allowed to remain open unless operating in compliance with the requirements of Section 2. The City will work with employers as they come into compliance with this Ordinance.

Section 4. The City of Charleston Fire Department, Office of the Fire Marshal, Police Department, Building Inspections Division, and their designees, and Livability Code Enforcement Officers are hereby authorized to inspect and determine whether retail businesses are in compliance with this Emergency Ordinance. For the duration of this Ordinance, it is unlawful for a person to willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of these individuals or their designees issued pursuant to this Ordinance.

Section 5. Violation of any section of this Ordinance or any Subsection of this Ordinance shall be punishable with a fine of up to $100.00 and/or thirty (30) days in jail.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall become effective upon enactment and shall expire sixty (60) days from the date of the State of Emergency declared on March 16, 2020 unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded by a subsequent City Ordinance to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the City of Charleston.

Ratified in City Council this _____ day of
____________________ in the Year of Our Lord,
2020, and in the____th Year of the Independence
of the United States of America.

By:_____________________________
    John J. Tecklenburg
    Mayor, City of Charleston
ATTEST:

Vanessa Turner Maybank
Clerk of Council
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, URGING ALL CITIZENS TO WEAR PROTECTIVE FACE MASKS WHEN SHOPPING OR VISITING RETAIL STORES

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020, our Mayor, under the authority of § 7-7-20, Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island (1983), declared that a State of Emergency exists throughout the Town as a result of impacts arising from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of South Carolina issued an Executive Order on April 20, 2020 which lifted the Executive Order closing certain retail stores and shops, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council deems it appropriate to warn people shopping in the retail stores opened under the aforesaid Executive Order that there is a continuing risk of infection which risk may be increased if citizens fail to wear masks in those stores and continue to practice safety measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and others.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that citizens are encouraged and urged to wear protective face masks and use other recommended safety measures when shopping and visiting retail stores opened by Executive Order of the Governor during the State of Emergency.

MOVED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF APRIL, 2020

John J. McCann, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _________________________________________
    Krista M. Wiedmeyer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

___________________________________________
Curtis L. Coltrane, Town Attorney

Introduced by Council Member: Glenn Stanford
“I move to approve the Emergency Resolution of the Town of Bluffton, South Carolina, in Furtherance of the Health, Public Safety and Welfare of the Town of Bluffton, South Carolina, to Urge Businesses and Citizens to Maintain Necessary and Proper Protective Procedures for the Health, Safety and Welfare of the Citizens of the Town of Bluffton.”