EMERGENCY ORDER TO CONTROL OR RESTRICT EGRESS, INGRESS, AND MOVEMENT WITHIN THE COUNTY DUE TO THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 33-15-17 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, entitled Emergency Management Local Organization, authorizes the Board of Supervisors of the County to enter such resolutions and orders as may be reasonable and necessary to control or restrict egress, ingress and movement within Warren County during an emergency to the degree necessary to facilitate the protection of life and property; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States and the Governor of Mississippi have declared a state of emergency because of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vicksburg and Warren County passed a Joint Declaration of State of Emergency in Vicksburg Warren County on March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has spread across this nation and is a worldwide pandemic resulting in 320 positive confirmed cases and 1 death in Mississippi as reported by the Mississippi Department of Health as of March 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Department of Health and the CDC have advised all citizens to practice social distancing by staying at least 6 feet apart from one another; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, the CDC, the Governor of Mississippi and the Mississippi Health Department have recommended that gatherings of more than 10 people be avoided; and
WHEREAS, extraordinary measures related to the spread of the COVID-19 are necessary for the health, safety, welfare and good order to protect the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THIS BOARD PURSUANT TO §33-15-17 OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT LOCAL ORGANIZATION, HEREBY ISSUES THIS RESOLUTION AND ORDER THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTS IN WARREN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI DUE TO THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE, DO HEREBY ORDER THAT UNTIL NOON ON APRIL 6, 2020, UNLESS FURTHER EXTENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Most places that have public assembly such as theaters, churches, places of entertainment, and other places where the public gathers from time to time have already adopted policies of closing, or are already limiting the number of persons allowed inside at the same time. Regardless, there should not be gatherings of more than 10 people at an event. None of the abovementioned places shall allow gatherings of more than 10 people for as long as this resolution and order is in effect.

2. Bars, nightclubs, lounges, and taverns shall close for the duration of this resolution and order.

3. Restaurants shall close dine-in services, but may provide food for pick-up, curbside service, delivery, or drive-through services to the extent allowed by law. There shall not be more than 10 employees and customers on the premises of the abovementioned businesses at any one time. These establishments must close all pick-up, curbside service,
delivery, or drive-through services by 11:00 p.m. and remain closed until 5:00 a.m.

4. Retail and convenience stores shall allow no more than 10 persons inside the store and no more than 10 persons on the parking lot/gas service areas of the premises at any one time.

5. The measures detailed in this Resolution and Order of Warren County (other than those referring to places that are venues of public assembly) apply only to the specific businesses listed herein which are outside the Vicksburg City limits, and are applicable so long as this resolution and order is in effect.

THIS PROCLAMATION SHALL BE IN EFFECT BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2020 AT 12:00 NOON AND CONTINUE TO NOON APRIL 6, 2020, UNLESS EXTENDED BY FURTHER ORDER OF THIS BOARD.


WARREN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

By: ________________

JEFF HOLLAND, Board President

ATTEST:

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CHANCERY CLERK