

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY MAYORS ASSOCIATION IN SUPPORT OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED 2020 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Mayors Association is a nonprofit organization whose membership is comprised of the mayors of all thirty-six (36) municipalities located in Jefferson County, Alabama;

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-21, Code of Alabama (1975), as amended, provides that regular municipal elections for public office in Alabama cities and towns shall be held on the fourth (4th) Tuesday in August 1984 and quadrennially thereafter; and, runoff elections, if required, shall be held on the sixth Tuesday next thereafter following said regular election;

WHEREAS, the novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has been detected in Alabama, and the State Board of Health has designated COVID-19 to be a disease of epidemic potential, a threat to the health and welfare of the public, or otherwise of public health importance;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, on the recommendation of the State Health Officer, Kay Ivey, Governor of the State of Alabama, declared a State public health emergency exists in the State of Alabama; and, on April 3, 2020, the State Health Officer, on behalf of the State Board of Health issued a Statewide Stay at Home Order (the “Stay at Home Order”);

WHEREAS, the right to vote in municipal elections once every four (4) years for candidates for municipal public office is one of the most fundamental rights of Alabama citizens;

WHEREAS, elected municipal public officers serve four (4) year terms, and the municipal electorate has a right to expect subsequent elections for the offices held by those elected officials to occur on the election date established by law at time the electorate voted them into office;

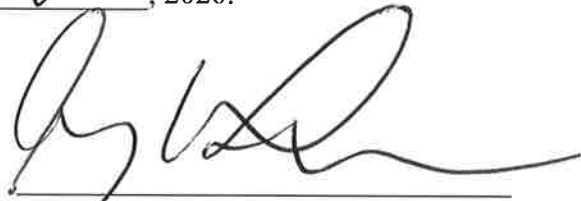
WHEREAS, the mayor-members of the Association place the health, safety and welfare of their citizenry first among their many responsibilities of public municipal office; and

WHEREAS, the Association is consulting with Jefferson County health officials on measures to protect voters from unnecessary risks associated with COVID-19 when visiting municipal polling places so that voters may continue to exercise their right to vote without undue disruption.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the mayor-members of the Association, while in a [regular/special] meeting on the 15 day of April, 2020, at [], local time, that the Association strongly supports holding 2020 municipal elections without interruption, abeyance or delay; provided, however, that the elections can be held safely in accordance with guidance from public health officials for avoiding undue risk to the public health associated with COVID-19.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED on this the 15th day of April, 2020.



Honorable Gary Richardson, Midfield
President

CERTIFICATION

I, Recarda Cobb, Secretary/Treasurer of the Jefferson County Mayors Association, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution that was duly and legally adopted by the members of the Jefferson County Mayors Association on the 15th day of April, 2020, while in a [regular/special] meeting.



Recarda Cobb,
Secretary/Treasurer