

## House Resolution 4EX

By: Representatives Burns of the 159<sup>th</sup>, Kelley of the 16<sup>th</sup>, and Hatchett of the 150<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Concurring with Governor Brian P. Kemp's Executive Order No. 03.14.20.01 declaring a  
2 public health state of emergency; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in late 2019, a new and significant outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a  
4 novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19, was first identified in Wuhan, China; and

5 WHEREAS, COVID-19 is an infectious virus that can spread from person to person, causing  
6 respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death; and

7 WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared the outbreak of  
8 COVID-19 a national emergency; and

9 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has identified the potential  
10 public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States, and has  
11 advised that the person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally,  
12 including within the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has noted that COVID-19 is  
14 now "community spread," meaning people have contracted the virus in areas of Georgia as  
15 a result of direct or indirect contact with infected persons, including some who are not sure  
16 how or where they became infected; and

17 WHEREAS, as of March 14, 2020, laboratory testing had confirmed more than 60 cases of  
18 COVID-19 in Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, under the authority granted in Code Section 38-3-51 of the  
20 Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Governor Brian P. Kemp declared a public health  
21 emergency and issued Executive Order No. 03.14.20.01 as a necessary and appropriate action

22 to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Georgia's residents and visitors to ensure  
23 COVID-19 remains controlled throughout this State; and

24 WHEREAS, pursuant to Code Section 38-3-51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
25 action by the General Assembly is necessary to concur with or terminate the executive order  
26 as a condition precedent to the public health state of emergency going into effect.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
28 GEORGIA that the members of this body concur with Executive Order No. 03.14.20.01  
29 issued by Governor Brian P. Kemp declaring a public health state of emergency.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Code Section 38-3-51 of the Official Code  
31 of Georgia Annotated, the General Assembly by concurrent resolution may terminate a state  
32 of emergency at any time.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the  
34 Secretary of the Senate are authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this  
35 resolution available for distribution to Governor Brian P. Kemp and members of the public  
36 and the press.