



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

**WHEREAS:** On April 2, 2020, I signed Executive Order 04.02.20.01 requiring residents and visitors of the State of Georgia to shelter in place in their homes for a period beginning April 3, 2020, at 6:00 PM and ending on April 13, 2020 at 11:59 PM; and

**WHEREAS:** Pursuant to Code Sections 38-3-4 and 38-3-7, Sheriffs and their respective offices already have the authority to enforce violations of Title 38, Chapter 3; and

**WHEREAS:** In Executive Order 04.02.20.01, I reserved the power to mandate the closure of any business, establishment, corporation, non-profit corporation, or organization not in compliance with Executive Order 04.02.20.01 to those officers that I appoint for that purpose; and

**WHEREAS:** As constitutional officers of the State of Georgia who are present in every county, sheriffs are uniquely positioned law enforcement officers who can assist in the State's response to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19.

**NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 04.02.20.01, CODE SECTION 38-3-51, AND THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY**

**ORDERED:** That the Sheriffs of this State, elected pursuant to GA. CONST. ART. 9, § 1, ¶ III, and serving in office pursuant to Code Section 15-16-1 *et seq.*, and their deputies, are hereby authorized to enforce the closure of businesses, establishments, corporations, non-profit corporations, or organizations in accordance with Executive Order 04.02.20.01.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That Sheriffs enforcing this Order should take reasonable steps to provide notice and a reasonable time to allow businesses, establishments, corporations, non-profit corporations, and organizations the opportunity to comply with directions from sheriffs or their deputies prior to mandating closure.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That if one or more of the provisions contained in this Order shall be held to be invalid, in violation of the Georgia Constitution, in violation of Georgia law, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, violation, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this Order, but, in such case, this Order shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained within the Order.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** All provisions of the Order shall become effective for a period beginning at 6:00 P.M. on Friday, April 3, 2020, and expiring at 11:59 P.M. on Monday, April 13, 2020.

This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2020, at 11:29 A.M.

  
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GOVERNOR