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PRESS RELEASE

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Cherokee County Board of Commissioners Issue Declaration of Emergency in response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

March 25, 2020 – The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners has issued a Declaration of Local Emergency and Local Emergency Order to further the County’s preparedness to combat the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The order activates the Emergency Operations Plan and enacts temporary restrictions for residents to self-isolate in their places of residence.

“This order calls for citizens to shelter at home except where it’s truly necessary to go out. It requires the closure of many places where people congregate or have close contact with each other, including dine-in restaurant service,” said Commission Chairman Harry Johnston. “It supplements the Governor’s order of March 23, which prohibits gatherings of more than 10 people unless they can maintain six feet of separation.”

The local declaration allows the county to prioritize resources, coordinate an effective response and work to help County residents respond to this pandemic.

Starting at midnight tonight and continuing until midnight April 9, 2020, community gatherings – indoor or outdoor – of more than 10 people are prohibited in unincorporated parts of the county.

Restaurants and all other eating establishments will cease offering dine-in and/or patio service. Such establishments may continue to offer food to customers through delivery, take out or drive thru services. Those establishments licensed for on-premise consumption can sell unopened beer or wine to take-out or curbside customers. Selling distilled spirits is prohibited.

The Board of Commissioners also strongly recommends Cherokee businesses and employers offer remote work or telework options for their employees to help slow the spread of COVID-19. There are currently 31 confirmed cases of Coronavirus in Cherokee County.

“We’re in better shape than some other counties, and it’s a credit to our citizens, who have mostly stayed home and taken proper care when going out,” Johnston said. “We’re also blessed with great public safety and medical personnel and facilities. We will get through this crisis and be stronger than ever.”

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