DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS: Evans County, Georgia has experienced an event of critical significance as a result of Coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS: In the judgment of the Board and Chairperson of the Evans County Board of Commissioners, with advice from the Evans County Emergency Management Agency, there exist emergency circumstances located in Evans County requiring extraordinary and immediate corrective actions for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Evans County, including individuals with household pets and service animals: and

WHEREAS: To prevent or minimize injury to people and damage to property resulting from this event.

NOW, THEREFORE, Pursuant to the authority vested in me by local and state law;

It is hereby declared that a local state of emergency exists and shall continue until the conditions requiring this declaration are abated.

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED:

- (1) That the Evans County Emergency Management Agency activates the Emergency Operations Plan;
- (2) That the following sections of the Evans County Code be Implemented:(A) Authority to Waive Procedures and Fee Structures and (B) Emergency Management and Response Powers.

EFFECTIVE this date, March 23, 2020.

Irene Burney, Chairperson

Evans County Board of Commissioners