

A RESOLUTION
**OF THE NORTHEAST GEORGIA HEALTH SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AND THE NORTHEAST GEORGIA MEDICAL CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AND THE MEDICAL STAFFS OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA MEDICAL CENTER
AND THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF HALL COUNTY AND CITY OF GAINESVILLE
AND HALL COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AND THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE GOVERNMENT**

WHEREAS the health of our region and the lives of our loved ones are endangered by the COVID-19 pandemic

WHEREAS the number of diagnosed COVID-19 cases in the United States is growing exponentially, especially as testing capabilities improve

WHEREAS the State of Georgia currently has the ninth-most diagnosed COVID-19 cases among U.S. states

WHEREAS the Northeast Georgia Health System service area already has 160 diagnosed cases

WHEREAS we believe the number of diagnosed cases would be greater if not for a shortage of test kits and delayed test results due to labs being overwhelmed

WHEREAS continued exponential growth of new cases will quickly overwhelm hospitals and healthcare resources in our region, state and nation

WHEREAS local physicians may be forced to make unprecedented and extremely difficult decisions about the level of care they are able to provide all patients when resources are limited

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees for Northeast Georgia Health System, the Board of Trustees for Northeast Georgia Medical Center, and the Medical Staffs of Northeast Georgia Medical Center are obligated to improve the health of our community in all we do.

LET IT BE RESOLVED that we collectively ask **all people across our region to stay home for at least 14 days - leaving only for tasks required by their job and necessary needs such as food, medications and medical emergencies - to slow the spread of COVID-19.** We believe this action is necessary to save countless lives and enable local healthcare workers to provide optimal care to those in need.

Unanimously approved this 27th day of March 2020.