

RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 03

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY AS A RESULT OF 2025 WINTER WEATHER, TO INSTITUTE CURFEW, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Ben Hill County, Georgia is expected to experience an event of critical significance as a result of January 21, 2025 Winter Storm on the January 21-23, 2025;

WHEREAS, there exists emergency circumstances requiring extraordinary and immediate corrective acts for the protection of the health and safety of the citizens of Ben Hill County;

WHEREAS, this State of Emergency is being declared to prevent or minimize injury to people and damage to property resulting from this event;

WHEREAS, Georgia Governor Brian Kemp declared a state of emergency at 12:00 p.m. on January 20, 2025 as a result of this storm;

WHEREAS, under Sec. 22-26 of the Code of Ordinances, Ben Hill County, the chairperson is authorized to determine that an emergency or disaster exists or continues; and

WHEREAS, Sec. 22-142(a) of the Code of Ordinances, Ben Hill County, upon the declaration of a state of emergency by the governor, "the board of county commissioners, its designee or the emergency interim successor may adopt a resolution instituting a curfew when it is determined necessary to protect and safeguard the people and property of the county."

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS DECLARED by the Chairman of the Ben Hill County Board of Commissioners that a local state of emergency exists as of **5:00 p.m. on January 21, 2025 and shall continue until 8:00 a.m. on January 23, 2025**, unless otherwise extended; and

IT IS ORDERED; that the Ben Hill County Emergency Management Agency activate the County's Emergency Operations Plan; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the emergency management ordinances adopted by the Ben Hill County Board of Commissioners be operative, and

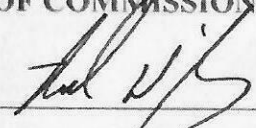
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ben Hill County implements / issues a mandatory curfew to ensure safety of all residents individuals and to facilitate the work of emergency services, as follows:

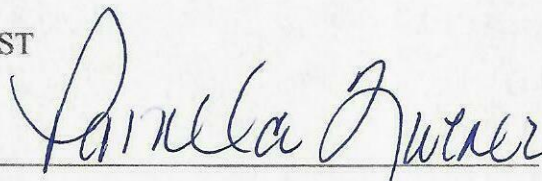
. Effective Wednesday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m. until Thursday, January 23 at 8:00 a.m., all non-essential travel and activities are prohibited within the unincorporated area of Ben Hill County during these curfew hours. All individuals are required to stay indoors unless involved in an emergency response or essential services. Exempt individuals, as defined in Sec. 22-143 of the Code of Ordinances, Ben Hill County, are exempt from the requirements of this curfew. Failure to comply with the curfew will result in enforcement actions in accordance with local laws and regulations.

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SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of January, 2025.

**BEN HILL COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

BY: 
HAL WILEY, Chairman

ATTEST
BY: 
PAMELA TURNER, County Clerk