**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-108**

**DECLARING VALLEY GRANDE STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, President Trump has declared a National State of Emergency based on the impact of COVID-19 becoming a pandemic event; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ivey has also declared a State of Emergency as relates to COVID-19 in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, The City of Valley Grande, Alabama Officials and Personnel in partnership with our regional partners have been proactive beginning March 19, 2020 addressing the COVID-19 impacts; and;

WHEREAS, the Valley Grande City Council on advice of Emergency Management Personnel determines to immediately take further action in this emergency circumstance on a continuing basis to address the COVID-19 impacts on our City and community; and to further declare a State of Emergency in Valley Grande, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that Valley Grande emergency management personnel and other City Departments are authorized to expend City Funds for additional personnel, supplies and equipment as needed, so that action can be taken without delay to protect the lives and the safety of our residents and visitors to our city; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a serious public health risk to our City stemming from it being a novel respiratory disease, impacting our City Services, impacting our Schools, and Businesses, and;

WHEREAS, the extent and level of impact from COVID-19 cannot be determined at present and City Departments need the authority and funding to react promptly and without delay at this critical time;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Valley Grande, Alabama that it hereby declares a State of Emergency in Valley Grande, Alabama with the Mayor and City Departments, with the guidance of the City Clerk, authorized to expend City funds and use additional personnel hours necessary to respond to the impacts of COVID-19 (some known and some unknown) in our City and Community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor, Public Safety Director and City Departments, are to coordinate the Work with the Dallas County Emergency Management Agency and other appropriate Agencies;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council determines this action is required in order to be proactive in continuing the previous work of our Officials and Personnel in the future;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Departments are requested and authorized to record the additional expenses incurred in the past and future as a result of the COVID-19 impacts; and seek reimbursement to the extent provided and authorized by Federal and State Laws.

 ADOPTED this 19th day of March, 2020.

 ACKNOWLEDGED and APPROVED:

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 Matt Dobbs, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 City Clerk