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To the People of Twin City,

The last few weeks have been a challenging time for our nation. The COVID-19 outbreak has been a shock to all of us. We have had to make changes to our daily lives to try and slow the spread of this virus. Thus far, I have been proud of the efforts made by our people and businesses.

Many of the businesses in Twin City (from restaurants to manufacturing) have made proactive decisions to alter daily operations to comply with CDC (Centers for Disease Control) recommendations. For this, the City is grateful. Although the City Commission has not imposed any direct restrictions at this time, we urge our people to follow the CDC recommendations. Those recommendations are:

- **Clean your hands often** – wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- **Avoid close contact** – practice social distancing
- **Take steps to protect others** – stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care
- **Cover coughs and sneezes** – cough or sneeze into your elbow instead of your hand
- **Wear a facemask if you are sick** – only needed if you are sick
- **Clean and disinfect** – clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily

On March 23rd, Governor Brian Kemp issued an Executive Order to continue to battle the spread of COVID-19. The Executive Order restricts any gatherings of more than 10 persons (if persons are standing or seated within six (6) feet of any other person), requires those people who are medically fragile to shelter-in-place, and closes all bars and nightclubs. This order is in effect until April 6, 2020, unless continued by Governor Kemp. I urge all citizens to comply with this order.

With the continued closure of schools, our youngest citizens are at home. During this time, we want to make sure that they have access to daily, balanced meals. The Emanuel County Board of Education is offering a free lunch bus route for children 1-18 years of age. There are 4 locations in Twin City for the drop offs – Durden Road at Graymont Park, 192 Spur at Wilson Road, Old Swainsboro Road at the privacy fence, and the Twin City Welcome Center. For more information, please reach out to Emanuel County Schools.

In the meantime, your City government is open and ready to serve you. Although City Hall is still open daily, I encourage all citizens to use mail, drafts, or our drop box to make payments. Our staff is always available by phone as well. This is an easy way to do your part to encourage social distancing.

I hope that all citizens will remember the City's slogan of "Twice as Friendly, Twice as Nice" during these hard times. We should all work harder to live up to our slogan. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at 478-763-2695 or by email at mdonaldson@twincityga.com.

On Behalf of the City Commission of the City of Twin City,

Respectfully Yours,

Matt W. Donaldson, Mayor

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