

**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 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.**