

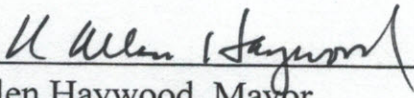
Declaration of Local Emergency

At 10:30 A.M. Tuesday, March 24, 2020, the Hancock County Board of Commissioners and the City of Sparta, jointly, declared a State of Emergency in the Hancock County, Georgia and the City of Sparta, Georgia due to COVID-19 Virus Pandemic. We feel this will help protect the citizens of our County and City by reducing the spread of COVID-19.

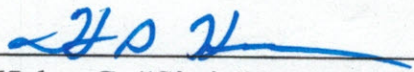
This Declaration, in agreement with Governor Kemp's Executive Order released March 23, 2020, includes provisions that prevent social gatherings such as church services, funerals, family reunions and political gatherings. The Local Emergency Declaration also establishes a curfew that will be imposed on non-essential travel from the hours of 10:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. Work related travel, along with emergency situations are exempt from this Declaration. Business and industry with 10 or more employees are also exempt from this Declaration.

The Hancock County Sheriff's Department and the Sparta Police Department will enforce the provisions of this Emergency Declaration. We ask that all citizens of Hancock County and the City of Sparta abide by this Declaration.

Adopted this 24th day of March, 2020 by:



R. Allen Haywood, Mayor



Helen G. "Sistie" Hudson, Chrm.