

RESOLUTION

NO. _____

WHEREAS, the Judicial State of Emergency declared by the Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency is expected to expire on May 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Courthouse has limited space and elevator capacity, and upon reopening the State Courts will need to accommodate a large number of members of the public while maintaining appropriate social distancing and protecting staff and those participating in judicial proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 15-6-18 provides that when it is impracticable to hold any session of state or superior court at the courthouse, it shall be lawful to hold court and any session sitting in such place as the proper authorities of the County in and for which the court is to be held may from time to time provide; and

WHEREAS, this Council deems it appropriate to designate additional temporary alternative locations for the State Court of Muscogee County to hold proceedings during the initial COVID-19 reopening period.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

We hereby designate the Columbus Civic Center and the Columbus Iron Works Trade and Convention Center as additional available courthouse facilities for the purpose of holding State Court proceedings for the time period of May 13, 2020 until July 3, 2020 unless further extended by this Council.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Chief Judge Bemon McBride of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit and State Court Judges Prather and Richardson.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 28th day of April, 2020 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmation vote of ____ members of Council.

Councilor Allen	voting	_____
Councilor Barnes	voting	_____
Councilor Crabb	voting	_____
Councilor Davis	voting	_____
Councilor Garrett	voting	_____
Councilor House	voting	_____
Councilor Huff	voting	_____
Councilor Thomas	voting	_____
Councilor Thompson	voting	_____
Councilor Woodson	voting	_____

Sandra T. Davis
Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor