RESOLUTION #2025-075 OF THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION

REPEALING RESOLUTION #2023-161 OF THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TO CLOSE THE BALDWIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ANNEXES AND ASSOCIATED SATELLITE OFFICES WHEN THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF CITIZENS AND EMPLOYEES ARE IN IMMINENT DANGER.

WHEREAS, Section 11-1-8 Code of Ala. states, "The county commission of any county in the State of Alabama may by resolution close the offices in the county courthouse or other county buildings... for special circumstances deemed necessary or appropriate."

WHEREAS, Section 31-9-10 Code of Ala. states, "The governing body of each political subdivision shall have the power and authority to close, notwithstanding Section 11-1-8, any and all public buildings owned or leased by and under the control of the political subdivision where emergency conditions warrant, whether or not a local state of emergency has been declared by the governing body of the political subdivision."

WHEREAS, Section 11-1-8 (b) Code of Ala. states, "A county commission may schedule a special meeting when determined necessary in writing by a majority of the members of the commission, or in case of an emergency, upon call of the chair."

WHEREAS, from time to time, weather conditions require that the County Courthouse and various satellite offices be closed for non-essential services.

WHEREAS, it may be necessary to close the County Courthouse complex and various satellite offices when the health and safety of citizens and employees are in imminent danger.

WHEREAS, in circumstances where a quorum of the county commission is unable to meet after a call for a special meeting is made in accordance with Section 11-1-8 (b) Code of Ala. and the threat for the health and safety of citizens and employees still exists, the Baldwin County Commission desires for the Chairman of the County Commission, in consultation with the County Administrator, County Engineer, and EMA Director, to coordinate with the Presiding Circuit Court Judge and Sheriff regarding closing of the County Courthouse, Annexes and associated Satellite offices when deemed necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Baldwin County Commission, in circumstances where a quorum of the county commission is unable to meet after a call for a special meeting is made in accordance with Section 11-1-8 (b) Code of Ala. and the threat of the health and safety of citizens and employees still exists, the Chairman of the County Commission, in consultation with the County Administrator, County Engineer, and EMA Director, and in coordination with the Presiding Circuit Court Judge and Sheriff, is authorized to determine when the Baldwin County Courthouse, Annexes and associated Satellite offices are to be closed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this instrument, Resolution #2025-075 repeals, rescinds, makes null and void Resolution #2023-161 of the Baldwin County Commission adopted on August 1, 2023.

DONE, under the Seal of Baldwin County, Alabama, as affixed on this the 4th day of February, 2025.

Matthew P. McKenzie, Chairman Baldwin County Commission

ATTEST:

Roger H. Rendleman, County Administrator