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Mayor Guyton's Statement on Local Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

Gadsden, AL - As we continue to respond to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic I wanted to update you on the City of Gadsden's response and emphasize the importance of continued action for everyone in our community. Everyone must follow the State Public Health order from the Governor and The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 30 Days to Slow the Spread. The time to act is now.

While I understand the difficulty of following these orders and guidelines, we must trust the guidance of public health experts. Only by taking these measures seriously can we slow the spread of this terrible virus. I know many residents in our community have taken these measures seriously, and I offer you my heartfelt thanks. The public health experts we rely on, say that only by following the social distancing guideline, staying home except for essential trips, and following the hand-washing guidance we can slow the spread of this dangerous disease and save lives. While many residents have been part of the team helping out the community, others have flaunted those orders and guidelines. Yet again, I am urging those people to get on board and help fight this invisible yet deadly COVID-19 pandemic. We have seen what gatherings in other countries, states and even other counties in Alabama have caused. Simply put, these gatherings mean that there are more cases of COVID-19 and more people die.

As we respond to these rapidly changing circumstances we all must continue to work together as a community. City of Gadsden staff are continuing to model this behavior at City Facilities while we carry on essential business and government. While we should not act in fear, we should recognize that our actions can have serious effects on others around us. Be safe, be healthy, use common sense, and we will continue to respond to this challenge with a spirit of compassion and teamwork; we will win this battle and emerge better and stronger together.

-Mayor Sherman Guyton

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