A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, DIRECTED TO THE SHERIFF OF MARION COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF MARION COUNTY EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 20-13, PROVIDING INTERPRETIVE GUIDANCE REGARDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 20-13; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 20-13 ordering the closure of establishments that provide gathering places for public events that would increase the risk of the spread of COVID-19 during the period of the declared state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney received calls from the Ocala Civic Theatre, Ocala Breeders Sales, Inc., and Oxford Downs explaining that those businesses have need for business activities of their office staffs, maintenance crews or security personnel that do not involve conducting events open to the public and business invitees;

WHEREAS, the foregoing communications present a need for guidance for law enforcement regarding those described activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida:

SECTION 1.   The Board hereby provides the following interpretive guidance regarding the enforcement of Emergency Ordinance No. 20-13:

Ordinance No. 20-13 is intended to require closure of the businesses specified therein to events open to the public and business invitees within such businesses; it is not intended to prohibit those businesses from conducting necessary activities of business office staff, maintenance activities, or security personnel at those businesses.

SECTION 2.   This Resolution shall become effective immediately, and shall run concurrently with the effective period of Emergency Ordinance No. 20-13.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this _____ day of April, 2020.

                                    BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
                                    OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

                                    By: _____
                                        KATHY BRYANT, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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DAVID R. ELLSPERMANN, CLERK

Approved As To Form:

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County Attorney