

is not limited to, restricting applications for re-zoning, variances, and business licenses related to solar farms and facilities; and

WHEREAS, during the period of review and consideration, Irwin County, through its duly elected governing authority, the Board of Commissioners of Irwin County, desires to maintain the status quo to provide consistent regulations going forward; and

WHEREAS, in order to have the time necessary to review and revise the County's ordinances, land use regulations, and zoning districts for all purposes, the Board of Commissioners desires to enact this temporary moratorium to maintain and protect the status quo and allow the governing authority to take those steps necessary, including public comments and hearings, in developing regulations for the purposes stated herein; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Irwin County find this temporary moratorium to be substantially related to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the County and its citizens and its businesses, and further finds that the action taken herein is in the interest of the public, generally, as distinguished from those of a particular class, and further that said action is necessary to accomplish the purposes outlined herein and will not be unduly burdensome or oppressive upon citizens and businesses; and

WHEREAS, this temporary moratorium is adopted pursuant to the police powers of the governing body of Irwin County for the purposes of protecting the public interest and in order to avoid issues relating to the proper designations of zoning and regulation of land uses and permitting, and the moratorium is narrowly tailored to meet such purposes, and the moratorium is established for the shortest reasonably possible duration so that the purpose of the moratorium can be met in a reasonable time; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Irwin County, Georgia, that:

The County formally establishes and imposes a temporary moratorium on the establishment, use, and regulation of solar farms and facilities. Such moratorium shall be in effect for a period of two (2) months, or until such time as the County revokes said moratorium by Resolution, whichever occurs first.

During this moratorium, the status quo shall be preserved. The various departments, commissions, agents, employees, and staff of Irwin County will not accept, review, approve, or grant new applications for zoning, rezoning, development, construction, permits, land uses, and related matters within areas of solar farms or facilities that are for purposes related to Category 4 Solar Farm projects.

During this moratorium, the Board of Commissioners of Irwin County, Georgia, along with its various departments, commissions, agents, employees, and staff of Irwin County may review, amend, edit, and revise the County's ordinances, land use regulations, zoning districts for all purposes and to provide for the orderly zoning, rezoning, development, permitting, construction,