

STATE OF GEORGIA }}
COUNTY OF IRWIN }}

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE IRWIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ENACTING A MORATORIUM FOR A PERIOD OF TWO MONTHS TO REGULATE
SOLAR FARMS AND FACILITIES WITHIN IRWIN COUNTY.**

WHEREAS, as provided in Article IX, Section II, Paragraphs II and III of the Georgia Constitution, Irwin County enjoys home rule powers, including police power, and land development and governmental and supplementary powers, all of which are necessary to perform all functions of government in order to promote the health and welfare and safety of the citizens and general public of Irwin County;

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section II, Paragraph I of the Georgia Constitution provides counties the authority to adopt clearly reasonable ordinances, resolutions, or regulations relating to its property, affairs, and local government for which no provision has been made by general law and which is not inconsistent with this Constitution or any local law applicable thereto;

WHEREAS, Irwin County, through its duly elected governing authority, the Board of Commissioners of Irwin County, is lawfully empowered to regulate zoning, construction, development, permitting, and land use standards within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Irwin County currently enforces an ordinance for the purpose of setting standards for solar farms and facilities within the County;

WHEREAS, Irwin County desires to evaluate and understand the impact of future developments of solar farms and facilities, including the impact on property values, land use, population density, the effect on the environment, service delivery issues, and all other reasons as authorized by Georgia law; and

WHEREAS, Irwin County passed a six-month moratorium to allow the Irwin County the time to evaluate and understand the impact of future developments of solar farms and facilities; and

WHEREAS, Irwin County finds that there is a need for additional time to study and determine how to create additional standards relating to the regulation of solar farms and facilities throughout Irwin County to protect the public health, safety and welfare of individuals in Irwin County and avoid significant impacts on resources and adjacent uses; and

WHEREAS, while the initial moratorium applied to all solar projects within or that were to potentially come to Irwin County, however, Irwin County now finds the need for a moratorium that would only apply to any and all solar projects that may potentially to come to Irwin County located in Category 4 Solar Farms. After the date of this resolution, any and all potential projects located in Category 4 Solar Farms shall remain as is to maintain the status quo which includes, but