

## **Resolution No. 20-01**

### **A Resolution to Cancel the Spring 2020 Conference**

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease caused by the SARS-Co V-2 virus that can result in mild or severe symptoms, including fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and can lead to serious illness or death, particularly in the case of older adults and persons with serious chronic medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is frequently spread through close contact between persons and respiratory transmission; and

WHEREAS, in late 2019, a significant outbreak of COVID-19 was identified in China, and this disease has since spread to many other countries including the USA and the state of Tennessee, including Williamson County; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2020, the Tennessee Department of Health activated the State Health Operations Center (SHOC), and on January 21, 2020, following CDC guidance, the Department designated COVID-19 as a reportable disease in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the first case of COVID-19 in the State of Tennessee was identified, with other confirmed or presumptively positive cases of COVID-19 having since been identified in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the spread and identification of additional cases of COVID-19 in Tennessee is likely to continue, and therefore, taking proactive steps to prevent a substantial risk to public health and safety is important; and

WHEREAS, on March 11 and 12, 2020 numerous public and private organizations began the temporary closing of facilities and the cancelling/suspending of games/seasons to retard the spread of COVID-19 including but not limited to school systems, the Smithsonian Museums, Major League Baseball (MLB), the National Basketball Association (NBA), the National Hockey League (NHL), Major League Soccer (MLS), NASCAR, the NCAA, Live Nation Entertainment tours, Disneyland, cruise operators, and many others; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020 Tennessee Governor Bill Lee declared a state of emergency to facilitate state response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020 the Centers for Disease Control issued guidance for large events and mass gatherings that recommends that organizers cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States for the next eight-week period; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, Governor Lee urged every school district in Tennessee to close as soon as practically possible, with all schools expected to close by Friday, March 20, and remain closed through March 31, 2020, when further guidance will be issued; and

WHEREAS, the TCMA 2020 spring conference is scheduled for April 1-3, 2020 in Franklin; and

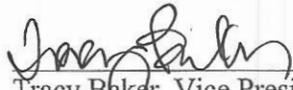
WHEREAS, in furtherance of public health and safety of attendees and the communities they serve and live, the board of directors has it determined to be prudent to cancel the spring conference; and

WHEREAS, the President of the Association recused himself due to a potential conflict of interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Tennessee City Management Association, that the Spring 2020 Conference, is hereby cancelled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the executive director is authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate this action.

WHEREUPON, the Vice President declared the resolution adopted, signed and affixed the date thereto, and directed that the same be recorded.

  
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Tracy Baker, Vice President

Date: 3/16/2020

  
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Tim Ellis, Secretary