

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF UNION COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING AN EMERGENCY MORATORIUM ON APPLICATIONS FOR CRYPTO CURRENCY MINING SITES, BITCOIN MINING SITES, OR ANY DATA CENTERS ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF MINING CRYPTO CURRENCY AND ADOPTED AT THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONER OF UNION COUNTY HELD ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022**

**WHEREAS**, as provided in Article 9, Section 2, Paragraphs 1 and 3 of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, the County enjoys all home rule powers, police power, land development and governmental and supplemental powers necessary to conduct County government and perform County functions; and

**WHEREAS**, the County may exercise any power for County purposes, except as expressly prohibited by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has found that there is a need to address and create standards relating to the construction and locations of crypto currency mining sites; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner and staff are in the process of evaluating standards and regulations and intend to present a proposed ordinance or ordinances relating to crypto currency mining sites within the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County wishes to place the public and all parties on notice that it is considering such amendments and is hereby creating a temporary moratorium on the acceptance, processing, and consideration of applications for construction, development permits and building permits concerning properties located within the County applying to construct or convert an existing facility or building into a crypto currency mining site; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Commissioner in good faith determines that this Ordinance is in the best interest of Union County and its residents and promotes the health, safety and welfare of the public;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF UNION COUNTY, GEORGIA**, pursuant to the authority vested in the Commissioner by law, that an Emergency Moratorium is hereby enacted on the acceptance, processing, and consideration of any application for a crypto currency mining site or issuance of any permit for such, for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days, or until repealed by the adoption of new regulations or ordinances.


**SO ADOPTED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022, to be effective at 7:00 P.M. on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the public health, safety, and general welfare demanding.

ATTEST:

UNION COUNTY, GEORGIA

  
Jennifer Mahan



  
Lamar Paris, Sole Commissioner