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2 The following Resolution was offered by the Councilman Asbill:

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4 **PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 10**

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6 A resolution urging Louisiana Governor Jon Bel Edwards to enact COVID-19
7 recovery phases and restrictions on a regional basis in lieu of the current statewide
8 implementation and further requesting that the criteria for entering Phase 3 be provided to
9 all parishes.

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11 **WHEREAS, managing the COVID-19 crisis on a statewide basis has created**
12 **unnecessary hardships for Harahan businesses and residents; and**

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14 **WHEREAS, national experts have recommended a region-based approach to**
15 **reopening communities and economies in the White House plan; and**

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17 **WHEREAS, the original justification for “stay home orders” and phased reopening**
18 **was to not overwhelm public health resources, including hospitals and equipment; and**

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20 **WHEREAS, Jefferson Parish’s, and Region 1 as a whole, hospital bed, ICU bed and**
21 **ventilator capacity have remained well below capacity since early June; and**

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23 **WHEREAS, 170,046 individuals have been tested in Region 1 with 16,227 being**
24 **positive with an infection rate of less than 10 percent; and**

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26 **WHEREAS, the City of Harahan, as of September 2, 2020, has a total case count of**
27 **269 cases, less than three (3) percent of the population, of which seventy (70) were**
28 **“clustered” at a senior citizen, long-term care facility; and**

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30 **WHEREAS, testing continues at numerous sites throughout region; and**

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32 **WHEREAS, safety protocols such as masks, social distancing, sanitation and**
33 **capacity reductions remain in place; and**

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35 **WHEREAS, Harahan is a community of small businesses that complied with orders**
36 **to close their doors to help slow the spread, while national chains continued to operate; and**

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38 **WHEREAS, numerous businesses throughout Harahan are now struggling to keep**
39 **their doors open due to restrictions with many citizens having lost their jobs and are being**
40 **threatened with personal bankruptcy; and**

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42 **WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Harahan Council, Harahan Economic**
43 **Development, the Jefferson Parish Council, the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce and the**
44 **Jefferson Parish Business Council to move Jefferson Parish forward into Phase 3 of the**
45 **recovery while maintaining some of the required safety protocols.**

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47 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council for the City of Harahan,**
48 **Louisiana, acting as governing authority of said City:**

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50 **SECTION 1. That Louisiana Governor Jon Bel Edwards be and is hereby urged to**
51 **enact COVID-19 recovery phases and restrictions on a regional basis in lieu of the current**
52 **statewide implementation.**

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54 **SECTION 2. That the criteria for individual regions of the state of Louisiana to**
55 **enter into Phase 3 be provided to all political subdivisions within Louisiana.**

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57 **SECTION 3. That the Municipal Clerk is hereby requested and authorized to send a**
58 **certified copy of this resolution to Louisiana Governor Jon Bel Edwards.**

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60 The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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62 **YEAS:**

63 **NAYS:**

64 **ABSENT:**

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71 This resolution was declared to be adopted on this _____ day of _____, 2020.

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Nicole Lee, City Clerk