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To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is being provided to staff of the Community Service Board of Middle Georgia as an official document to support their work as *“essential”* during the COVID-19 public health emergency, in part due to our awareness that many of our municipalities and counties served have implemented curfews to help contain and prevent further spread of the novel COVID-19 virus.

On March 29, 2020 the Department of Labor issued additional guidance regarding which organizations are designated as essential to the public – including all staff at hospitals, doctor’s offices, nursing homes, labs, healthcare clinics, pharmacies, healthcare agencies – practically any healthcare provider. The CSB of Middle Georgia is a governmental public healthcare agency operating under the auspices of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. Both the state of Georgia and our department expect that our services will be continue throughout this emergency.

The CSB of Middle Georgia provides an array of outpatient, residential, and crisis services across a 16-county area covering the following counties: Laurens, Dodge, Bleckley, Pulaski, Wilcox, Telfair, Wheeler, Montgomery, Treutlen, Johnson, Emanuel, Burke, Glascock, Jefferson, Jenkins, and Screven; we also provide staff coverage for a 24/7 crisis support home located in Richmond County. The CSB of Middle Georgia operates numerous residential services across our 16 counties which require 24/7 operations, primarily in group home, personal care home, and host home settings. Additionally, some staff may be traveling from a home base in counties beyond our main territory.

Our staff are regularly reminded of Governor Kemp’s Executive Orders as well as those being implemented on the local and national level. We will continue to uphold any future orders as they are announced as we work collectively in getting through this unprecedented public health crisis.

Lastly, our staff have been asked to have their official CSB of Middle Georgia badge/identification with them at all times when they are traveling to their work site and are on duty. If you need any further information of verification of the CSB of Middle Georgia’s standing as an essential healthcare provider, please do not hesitate to contact me at 478.272.1190 or through email at dforbes@csbmg.com.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Denise Forbes".

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