

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF ROCKDALE

**A RESOLUTION DEFINING ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES FOR RECEIPT OF FUNDS PURSUANT TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE AND LOCAL CORONAVIRUS FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS AND THE ALLOCATION OF SAME FOR ROCKDALE COUNTY, GEORGIA, WORKERS PERFORMING ESSENTIAL WORK DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) established State and Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds (Fiscal Recovery Funds); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to ARPA, \$350 billion has been transferred to States and units of local government to respond to the COVID-19 health crisis and its negative economic impacts on their communities, residents, and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, Rockdale County, Georgia, is a Recipient of \$8,827,741.00 of Fiscal Recovery Funds to date; and

**WHEREAS**, a category of eligible uses of Fiscal Recovery Funds is to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing Premium Pay to eligible workers; and

**WHEREAS**, Rockdale County employees have been and continue to be relied on to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure, and have been and continue to be relied on to carry on work involving regular in-person interactions with the public or co-workers or regular physical handling of items that are also handled by others; and

**WHEREAS**, Rockdale County employees have borne a heightened risk as a result of their being physically present at their jobsite and, for many of whom, the costs associated with the illness were hardest to bear financially.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Rockdale County, Georgia, on lawful motion as follows:

All Rockdale County public safety first responders shall each receive \$5,000. All other employees deemed essential under the instant resolution shall each receive \$2,000 as Premium Pay for their past and ongoing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency in order to remunerate these essential workers for the elevated health risks they have faced and continue to face during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Said Premium Pay shall be effective as of June 22, 2021 and paid on June 25, 2021, and shall be in addition to each employee's regular rate of wages or earnings.

**SO RESOLVED And EFFECTIVE**, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2021.


Rockdale County, Georgia  
Board of Commissioners

By:   
Oz Nesbitt, Sr., Chairman

By:   
Sherri L. Washington

By:   
Doreen L. Williams

Attest:

By:   
Jennifer Rutledge, County Clerk

Approved as to form:

By:   
M. Qader A. Baig, County Attorney