



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Dear Visitors:

It's spring time and Gatlinburg and the surrounding Great Smoky Mountains are some of the most beautiful things around this time of year.

We love that you love coming to take in the natural beauty of Gatlinburg. We love living here. More importantly, we love having you here, especially during our spring season while nature's beauty emerges after the long winter season.

However, this is an unusual time for us all.

With the uncertain times of the Coronavirus and the COVID-19 pandemic sweeping across our nation, we are making an appeal to you. Most of our town's businesses made decisions last week to close for the safety of visitors, residents and employees, in accordance with the Center for Diseases Control and President's Trump guidelines.

On Sunday, our state's Governor, Bill Lee, issued an Executive Order closing dine-in restaurants and limiting social gatherings to 10 or less. Earlier this week, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park closed its operations to the public as well, to help with social distancing.

Again, we know you love visiting Gatlinburg, but for now we're asking that you put those plans on hold and stay home and keep you and your family safe.

Your family's health and safety also helps the health and safety of our residents and our many valued employees across the number of businesses throughout our City.

Please stay safe, stay healthy and stay home and the mountains will be waiting for you and we'll look forward to seeing you when the crucial threat of this virus passes.

Warm regards,

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