

**RESOLUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONCERNING OPERATIONS DURING THE
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY CAUSED BY COVID-19**

Whereas, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak and spread of the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern, and on March 11, 2020 publicly characterized the spread of COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

Whereas, on January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency in the United States, and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the outbreak and spread of COVID-19 in the United States a national emergency; and

Whereas, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas due to the eminent threat posed by COVID-19; and

Whereas, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued an executive order closing all public schools in Texas from midnight Friday, March 20 through 11:59pm Friday, April 3, 2020; and

Whereas, on March 31, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued an executive order for all schools to remain temporarily closed to in-person classroom attendance, not commencing before May 4, 2020; and

Whereas, on April 17, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued an executive order for all schools to remain closed to in-person classroom attendance for the remainder of 2019-2020 academic school year; and

Whereas, the disruption to the normal operations of the University Interscholastic League (UIL) is unprecedented and may continue for an extended time; and

Whereas, the Legislative Council believes the public purposes described in this resolution are fulfilled by making certain delegations to the Executive Director and his designees, as described more fully herein, to effectively and efficiently address the ever-changing nature of this complete disruption of normal operations of UIL in the best interests of students and the communities at large.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UIL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:

1. All the above paragraphs are incorporated into and made a part of this resolution; and
2. The Legislative Council finds that a public purpose is served and a benefit to UIL and its member schools exists to make the following delegations to the Executive Director and his designee(s):

- a. The authority to make decisions regarding resuming UIL activities;
 - b. The authority to alter and/or waive rules in the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules necessitated by any disruption of normal business operations related to COVID-19, orders of the state or federal government, or related COVID-19 concerns;
3. The Executive Director and/or designee(s) will provide timely and reasonable information to the Legislative Council with regard to decisions made pursuant to this Resolution;
4. This Resolution will remain in effect until rescinded by Legislative Council action at a duly called meeting, or until August 1, 2021;
5. The above Resolution is passed and adopted the 19th day of October, 2020, by the UIL Legislative Council.