



Board of Supervisors

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**SOUTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
EMERGENCY DECLARATION
MARCH 30, 2020**

A Declaration of Emergency issued by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of South Franklin, Washington, County, Pennsylvania as it pertains to the existing public health emergency associated with the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

WHEREAS, as coronavirus (2019-nCoV) emerged in Wuhan Province, China and began infecting humans in December 2019, and has become a worldwide pandemic including the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have declared COVID-19 as a public health emergency of international concern and the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary has declared that COVID-19 creates a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Commonwealth) has been working in collaboration with the WHO, HHS, CDC and local health agencies to monitor and plan for the containment and subsequent migration of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, as of March 29, 2020, pursuant to information from the CDC there are at least 122, 653 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in the United States, including 2,112 deaths; and

WHEREAS, as of March 29, 2020, there are 24 cases in Washington County; and

WHEREAS, Governor Tom Wolf has issued a Proclamation of Disaster of Emergency dated March 6, 2020, stating in part that it is critical to prepare for and respond to suspected or confirmed cases in the Commonwealth and to implement measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency to address COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Wolf issued an order closing all K-12 schools in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the CDC has recommended implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus, including cancellation of large gatherings and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

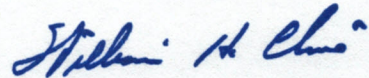
WHEREAS, the CDC has recommended that gatherings greater than 50 people be canceled; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 continues to threaten the life and health or residents of South Franklin Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of South Franklin Township is authorizing, under the Pennsylvania Municipal Code, to declare a disaster emergency subject to ratification of the Township of South Franklin.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the authority vested by § 7301(c) of the Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa.C.S. §, South Franklin Township hereby declares that a disaster emergency exists within South Franklin Township due to the threat that COVID-19 poses to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of South Franklin Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors directs the Township Manager and Emergency Response Coordinators to coordinate the necessary activities for this emergency response, to take all appropriate action required to alleviate the effects of the coronavirus disaster emergency, to aid in the maintenance of essential public services, to minimize access to Municipal buildings and facilities as needed, and to take any other lawful emergency response or action deemed necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare of the residents of South Franklin Township.



William H. Cline, Chairman
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