

**TOWNSHIP OF PALMYRA
PIKE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION FOR DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus (now known as "COVID-19") has spread throughout the United States and threatens the health and well-being of all citizens, particularly the elderly and those with existing health problems; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") have declared COVID-19 a "public health emergency of international concern," and a "pandemic"; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency that proclaims the existence of a disaster emergency throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, among other things, the Governor's Proclamation suspends the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of Commonwealth business, and urges the governing bodies and executive officers of all political subdivisions affected by this emergency to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies as legally authorized under the Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court issued an order declaring a statewide judicial emergency until April 14, 2020, due to the threat posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court issued a second order closing all Pennsylvania courts to the public, except for certain emergency and essential functions, and further suspending all time calculations for purposes of time computation relevant to court cases or other judicial business as well as time deadlines, which has now been extended to April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors deems COVID-19 to constitute a threat of imminent disaster to the health of the citizens of the Township of Palmyra (the "Township"); and

WHEREAS, this threat of imminent disaster and emergency has the potential to cause significant adverse impacts upon the population throughout the Township; and

WHEREAS, current guidance from the CDC and the federal and state governments suggests an immediate need for extraordinary measures to avoid gatherings of individuals;

WHEREAS, COVID-19, and its possible consequences, endangers the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in the Township; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of endangered residents in the Township; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Supervisors of the Township of Palmyra, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 PA C.S.A. §7501), as amended, do adopt this Resolution and hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in the Township.

FURTHER, we direct the Township Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

FURTHER, all meetings, hearings or other gatherings of all Township boards and commissions, including the Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board, excluding any meetings of the Board of Supervisors, are postponed through April 30, 2020;

FURTHER, effective immediately and until further notice, the Township office at 12 Buehler Lane, Paupack PA 18451 is closed to the public, but will remain open and staffed during regular business hours by phone (570 - 226 - 2230) email at administrator@palmyrapike.org, or by regular mail.

STILL FURTHER, we authorize officials of the Township to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements) pertaining to the performance of public work, entering into contracts, the incurring of obligations, the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials, the levying of taxes and the appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

This Declaration shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as the Board of Supervisors adopts a subsequent declaration terminating the local disaster emergency.

Supervisors of Palmyra Township,
Pike County, Pennsylvania

Date: April 7, 2020

Thomas A. Simons

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