

**RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND EXTENDING
DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, a pandemic outbreak has occurred and is impacting the health of Bucks County citizens and communities. The impact of the illness has created a countywide closure of schools, a shortage of critical personal protective equipment, and the need to take measures to ensure the essential services of county government are sustained. This emergency situation has impacted every facet of life in Bucks County and is not expected to abate before April 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as a result of said emergency situation the Bucks County Commissioners issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency on March 13, 2020 ("Declaration"); and

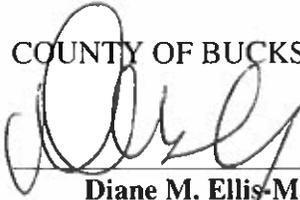
WHEREAS, a copy of the Declaration is attached as Appendix A to this Resolution and incorporated by reference; and

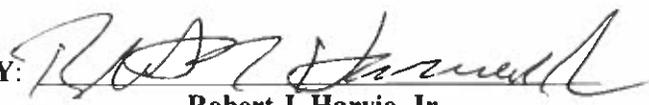
WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to ratify, confirm, and restate the Declaration; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to extend the Declaration until April 2, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

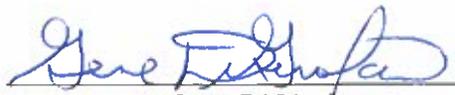
1. The Declaration of Disaster Emergency declared on March 13, 2020 is hereby ratified, confirmed, and restated.
2. All actions previously taken pursuant to such Declaration of Disaster Emergency are hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved.
3. Such Declaration of Disaster Emergency is hereby extended until April 2, 2020.

COUNTY OF BUCKS, PENNSYLVANIA

BY: _____
Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, LCSW
Commissioner, Chair

BY:  _____
Robert J. Harvie, Jr.
Commissioner, Vice Chair


ATTEST: _____
Gail Humphrey
Chief Clerk

3/19/2020
Date

BY:  _____
Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner

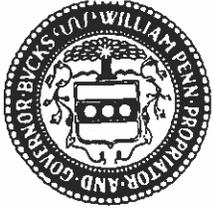
Appendix A

County of Bucks

EMERGENCY SERVICES

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County Commissioners

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, LCSW, Chair
Robert J. Harvie Jr., Vice-Chair
Gene DiGirolamo

Scott T. Forster
Director of Emergency Services

Declaration of Disaster Emergency

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 a pandemic outbreak has occurred and is impacting the health of Bucks County citizens and communities. The impact of the illness has created a countywide closure of schools, a shortage of critical personal protective equipment, and the need to take measures to ensure the essential services of county government are sustained.

WHEREAS, this emergency has endangered the health, safety, and welfare of all persons residing in the County because of the lack of available medical resources and the potential spread that may create problems greater in scope than the County may be able to resolve without the declaration; and

WHEREAS, responses by the Departments of Health and Emergency Services are required to reduce the severity of this emergency and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents in Bucks County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Commissioners of Bucks County, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S.A., Section 7101 et seq., do hereby declare the existence of an emergency in Bucks County.

FURTHER, we direct the Bucks County Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response and the Bucks County Department of Health Director to manage the mitigation of the disease, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this emergency, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

This Declaration shall take effect immediately and last for a period of seven (7) days.

Commissioners:

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, LCSW, Chair

Robert J. Harvie Jr., Vice-Chair

Gene DiGirolamo

Attest Date:

3/13/2020