

Dearborn County Board of Commissioners

Proclamation of Local Emergency

Whereas, the World Health Organization has declared the novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) a “Public Health Emergency of International Concern” on the 30th day of January, 2020;

Whereas, on the 6th day of March, 2020, Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of Indiana, issued Executive Order 20-02 which declared a “Public Health Emergency” in the State of Indiana due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

Whereas, on the 13th day of March, 2020, Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of America, issue a “Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak” whereby the COVID-19 pandemic was declared a national emergency;

Whereas, Indiana Code § 10-14-3-29(a) allows local disaster emergency to be declared by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision and such a declaration may be for a period of seven (7) days unless authorized by the governing board of the political subdivision for a longer period of time;

Whereas, for purposes of Indiana Code § 10-14-3-29(a), the principal executive officer of Dearborn County, Indiana is the President of the Dearborn County Board of Commissioners and the governing board is the entire Dearborn County Board of Commissioners; and

Whereas, the Dearborn County Board of Commissioners are in agreement with President Trump and Governor Holcomb that the COVID-19 pandemic is an emergency that threatens the health of the citizens of Dearborn County, Indiana.

Therefore, be it proclaimed by the Dearborn County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. There is hereby declared a local emergency pursuant to Indiana Code § 10-14-3-29(a) due to the threat to the health of the citizens of Dearborn County, Indiana caused by the COVID-19 pandemic;

2. Said local emergency shall remain in effect, at this time, until the 21st day of April, 2020. This local emergency may be extended by subsequent proclamation of the Dearborn County Board of Commissioners;

3. This local emergency may be terminated at any time by subsequent proclamation of the President of the Dearborn County Board of Commissioners after consultation with the two (2) other elected Dearborn County Commissioners;

4. The Dearborn County Board of Commissioners are hereby authorized to take any and all steps necessary to limit the spread of COVID-19. This may include, but is not limited to, restricting public access to the Dearborn County Government Center during the pendency of this local emergency;

5. The public shall be notified of any restrictions by announcements on the Dearborn County website (<http://www.dearborncounty.org>), Press Releases provided to local media, and notices posted at public buildings; and

6. Ongoing operations involving the Dearborn County courts, Prosecutor's Office, Clerk of Courts, Probation Department, and Sheriff's Department may be addressed by separate orders or directives from those offices.

All of which is proclaimed by the Board of Commissioners of Dearborn County, Indiana this the 17th day of March, 2020.

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