

Dearborn County Board of Commissioners

Proclamation of Local Emergency

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. This Public Health Emergency was most recently extended by Executive Order 20-48 on the 13th day of November, 2020;

Whereas, as of the 15th day of November, 2020, there have been One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventeen (1,717) positive cases of COVID-19 and Twenty-Eight (28) deaths from COVID-19 in Dearborn County;

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, after consultation with the Dearborn County Health Officer, Dr. Stephen Eliason, the Dearborn County Board of Commissioners believe it is necessary to redeclare a Local Emergency and grant the Health Officer the authority to take all necessary steps to combat the COVID-19 pandemic in Dearborn County, Indiana.

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

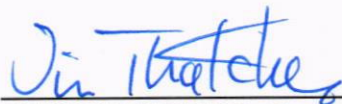
1. There is hereby declared a local emergency pursuant to Indiana Code § 10-14-3-29(a) due to the threat to the health of the citizens of Dearborn County, Indiana caused by the COVID-19 pandemic;
2. Said local emergency shall be reviewed by the Dearborn County Board of Commissioners at its meeting on December 15, 2020 at which time the local emergency may be terminated or extended after consulting with the Dearborn County Health Officer;

3. If warranted, this local emergency may be unilaterally terminated by the President of the Dearborn County Board of Commissioners after consultation with the two (2) other elected Dearborn County Commissioners and the Dearborn County Health Officer; and

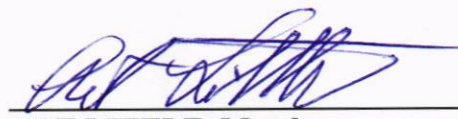
4. The Dearborn County Health Officer is hereby granted the authority to take any and all steps necessary to limit the spread of COVID-19. This authority includes, but is not limited to, the powers granted a local health officer under Title 16 of the Indiana Code.

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

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DEARBORN COUNTY, INDIANA**



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