

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus (now known as “COVID-19”) emerged from Wuhan, China, began infecting humans in December 2019, and has since spread to 89 countries, including the United States; 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 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”) Secretary has declared COVID-19 creates a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2020 there are 63 confirmed and/or presumed positive cases of COVID-19 in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, while it is anticipated that a high percentage of those affected by COVID-19 will experience mild influenza-like symptoms, COVID-19 is a disease capable of causing severe symptoms or loss of life, particularly to older populations and those individuals with pre-existing conditions; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to prepare for and/or respond to suspected or confirmed cases in Lycoming County and to implement measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, with 63 presumed or positive cases in the Commonwealth as of March 16, 2020, the possible increased threat from COVID-19 constitutes threat of imminent disaster to the health of the citizens of Lycoming County; and

WHEREAS, the disaster has endangered the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Lycoming County and threatens to create problems greater in scope than Lycoming County may be able to resolve; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Commissioners of Lycoming County, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 PA C.S.A.), as amended do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in Lycoming County;

FURTHER, we direct the Lycoming County Emergency Management Agency to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public service, and to take any other emergency response actions deemed necessary to respond to this disaster emergency.

This declaration shall take effect immediately.

COMMISSIONERS

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