

BOROUGH OF SOUTH CONNELLSVILLE

EMERGENCY DECLARATION

A Declaration of Emergency issued by the Mayor of the Borough of South Connellsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania as it pertains to the existing public health emergency associated with the spread of coronavirus.

WHEREAS, as novel coronavirus (now known as “COVID-19”) emerged in Wuhan China, began infecting humans in December 2019, and now has since spread to eighty-nine (89) countries, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) have declared COVID-19 as a public health emergency of international concern and the United States Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”) Secretary has declared that COVID-19 creates a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (“Commonwealth”) has been working in collaboration with the CHD, HHS and local health agencies to monitor and plan for the containment and subsequent migration of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, as of March 17, 2020, pursuant to the information from the CDC there are at least three thousand four hundred eighty-seven (3,487) confirmed and/or presumed positive cases of COVID-19 in the United States, including positive cases of COVID-19 including cases in nearby Washington County, Pennsylvania and nearby Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Governor Tom Wolf has issued a Proclamation of Disaster of Emergency dated March 6, 2020, stating in part that it is critical to prepare for and respond to suspected or confirmed cases in the Commonwealth and to implement measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Tom Wolf issued an order closing all K-12 Schools in the Commonwealth;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency to address COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the CDC has recommended implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus, including cancellation of large gatherings and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has recommended that gatherings greater than fifty (50) people be canceled;

WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 continues to threaten the life and health of the residents of the Borough of South Connellsville; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Borough of South Connellsville is authorized by the authority granted to him under the Pennsylvania Borough Code, Pennsylvania statutes governing emergency management services, and the Code of Ordinances of the Borough, to declare a disaster emergency subject to ratification of the Borough of South Connellsville.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Pennsylvania Borough Code, 8 Pa.C.S.A. § 10A06, and the Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa.C.S.A. § 7101, *et seq.*, I do hereby declare that a disaster emergency exists within the Borough of South Connellsville.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that I direct the Secretary of the Borough of South Connellsville, and Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the necessary activities for this emergency response, to take all appropriate action required to alleviate the effects of the coronavirus disaster emergency, to aid in the maintenance of essential public services, to minimize access to Municipal buildings and facilities as needed, and to take any other lawful emergency response or action deemed necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough of South Connellsville.

Declared on this 17 day of March, 2020



Jerry Reagan
Mayor – Borough of South Connellsville