

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH CONNELLSVILLE
FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH CONNELLSVILLE, FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, RATIFYING AND EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY REGARDING THE WORLDWIDE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19, WHICH CREATES A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE BOROUGH.

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 Allegheny County, Pennsylvania and nearby Washington 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; and

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

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 cancelled;

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; and

WHEREAS, any disaster declared by Mayor cannot exceed seven (7) days without the modification or ratification of Council; and

WHEREAS, the Council for the Borough of South Connellsville, believes that it would be in the best interests of the residents of South Connellsville to declare a local disaster emergency to combat the spread of COVID-19 until a time that Council later rescinds said declaration.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Borough of South Connellsville, that:

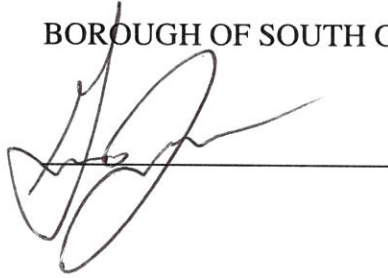
1. A disaster emergency exists within the Borough of South Connellsville, as defined by the Emergency Management Services Code, due to the threat that COVID-19 poses to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough of South Connellsville.
2. The Manager of the Borough of South Connellsville and Emergency Management Coordinator are hereby appointed 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.

RESOLVED into law this 17 day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

Kelly Addis

BOROUGH OF SOUTH CONNELLSVILLE:



A handwritten signature in black ink is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and appears to be the name of a representative of the Borough of South Connellsville.