

PULASKI COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 03
BY
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Whereas, on 6 March 2020, Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-02 (EO-02), declaring a public health emergency in response to the coronavirus disease 2019; and

Whereas EO-02 requires coordination among federal, state, and local governments; first responders; private organizations; and the entire healthcare structure in Indiana and activates the disaster-response and recovery aspects of the state, local, and inter-jurisdictional emergency plans in Indiana; and

Whereas by making this declaration, Pulaski County (hereinafter referred to as the “County”) joins the inter-jurisdictional response and, in so doing, may be eligible for federal and/or state financial assistance, **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

1. that the President of the Board of Commissioners (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) hereby proclaims a state of local disaster emergency be declared in Pulaski County, Indiana, pursuant to the provisions of *Indiana Code (IC)* 10-14-3-29, and the Board of Commissioners have voted to continue the proclamation of local disaster emergency indefinitely;
2. that this Resolution hereby invokes and declares to be in full force and effect in the county, for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for the protection of the lives and property of the people of the County, those portions of the *IC* applicable to the conditions at hand and have caused issuance of this declaration;
3. that all public offices and employees of the County are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives, whether state or local;
4. that all residents are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public official and disaster-relief forces in executive emergency-operation plans, and to obey and to comply with the lawful discretion of properly identified officers;
5. that the Board may make, amend, and rescind orders, rules, and regulations necessary for emergency-management purposes and to supplement carrying out those emergency-management laws not inconsistent with orders, rules, and regulations adopted by the governor or a state agency exercising power delegated to it by the governor; the emergency-management program and comprehensive emergency-management plan of the County; and any such orders, rules, and regulations;
6. that any such orders, rules, and regulations, as referred to supra, have the full force and effect of law when filed with the office of the County Clerk;
7. that this declaration shall be in effect as of 7:00 *p.m.* on this date, Monday, April 6, 2020, and shall continue until this Board takes action to end it. This emergency declaration is in response to a global pandemic of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 and it is currently unknown how long the circumstances creating the emergency situation will last and, therefore, it is unknown how long the emergency declaration will be in effect;
8. that a Pulaski County Incident Management Team is hereby authorized to operate, as coordinated by the Pulaski County Emergency Management Agency and Health Department with partner organizations selected thereby, effective at 8:00 *a.m.* on Tuesday, 7 April 2020, and to be in operation until such time as is deemed acceptable for dissolution or hiatus; and

9. that copies of this resolution shall be filed with the office of the County Auditor and distributed electronically to all such media outlets and entities as deemed appropriate for adequate promulgation of this declaration.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pulaski County, Indiana, this sixth day of April 2020.

YEA

NAY

KENNETH R. "KEN" BECKER,
PRESIDENT

JEROME C. "JERRY" LOCKE,
VICE-PRESIDENT

JOHN M. "MIKE" MCCLURE,
MEMBER

ATTEST:

LAURA WHEELER,
PULASKI COUNTY AUDITOR