

S T A T E O F M I C H I G A N

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE DECLARATION OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the County of Allegan, Michigan was informed that in response to the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, a state of emergency was declared by the Governor of the State of Michigan and a national state of emergency was declared by the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Allegan County Public Health Operations Center was partially activated since February 3, 2020, and fully activated since March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Allegan County Emergency Operations Center was fully activated on March 21, 2020, in support of Public Health in acquiring resources to deal with the pandemic, has since been demobilized; however, remains ready to assist and may be partially or fully activated consistent with the Emergency Operations Plan which has been functioning since March 21, 2020 as necessary; and

WHEREAS, any widespread outbreak within the County of Allegan could hinder and/or cease most daily operations within the entire County and overwhelm, Emergency Medical Services, Hospitals and Urgent Cares; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the requirements placed on the local health department personnel (including, but not limited to, education, enforcement, contact tracing, planning, testing and vaccination deployment) additional staff, volunteers, services and supplies/equipment may be needed to continue to protect public health; and

WHEREAS, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) rules and orders exist requiring, or advising of, preventative measures to be in place to protect public health, including limitations on gatherings and use of remote technologies; and

WHEREAS, public bodies within Allegan County have complied with orders or have voluntarily elected to meet virtually and may elect to continue such practice under this Declaration to protect public health consistent with the Open Meetings Act as amended; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of a current State of Michigan declared State of Emergency, it is necessary to declare a local State of Emergency.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegan County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with Section 10 of 1976 PA 390, as amended, and the Open Meetings Act, as amended, hereby declares that a "local state of emergency" exists within our jurisdiction as of November 6, 2020, and that local resources and funding are being utilized to the fullest possible extent, and the Emergency Operations Plan will be partially or fully implemented as this pandemic necessitates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Declaration will expire on January 31, 2021, unless otherwise extended by the Board of Commissioners.

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