## PERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION OF THE PERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus 2019 ("COVID-19") is a severe respiratory illness; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a rapidly spreading virus that is transmitted from human to human and results in symptoms ranging from fever, cough, acute respiratory distress, pneumonia and even death; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020 the Governor of the State of Indiana declared a public health emergency for COVID-19 pursuant to Executive Order 20-02; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 the Governor of the State of Indiana issued further orders and directives in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Executive Order 20-04; and

WHEREAS, the Perry County Commissioners desire to do as much as possible to help flatten the curve of the spread of COVID-19, and in an abundance of caution, desire to support the actions taken by the Governor of the State of Indiana and to issue additional directives concerning specific governmental operations of Perry County, Indiana.

NOW,THEREFORE, I, as President of the Perry County Commissioners, declare that a State of Emergency exists in Perry County, Indiana and that I hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Indiana Code and Perry County Emergency Management Ordinance C-88-4 which are applicable to the conditions that have caused the issuance of the Proclamation, to be in full force and effect in Perry County, Indiana for the exercise of all emergency authority for the protection of the lives and property of the people of Perry County and the restoration of local government with a minimum of interruption.

## NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

- 1. All public offices and employees of Perry County, Indiana are hereby directed to exercise the upmost diligence and discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency in the execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives state and local.
- 2. All citizens of Perry County are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and disaster service forces, execute emergency operation and management plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers.
- 3. From and after 12:00 p.m. on March 18, 2020, except for very limited purposes, there shall be no general public access to the Perry County Courthouse, Perry County Armory Annex, the Perry County Annex South, the Perry County Sheriff and Detention Center, and the Perry County Highway Department.
- 4. Perry County Employees who are not ill or showing any symptoms of illness shall continue to report to work at this time. Employees are directed and encouraged to follow social

distancing and other guidelines issued by the Indiana Department of Health, Perry County Health Department, and the Center for Disease Control.

- The Perry County Health Officer is authorized to issue orders to forbid public gatherings and implement other measures when considered necessary to prevent or minimize the spreading of COVID-19.
- The Perry County Commissioners may make, amend, and rescind orders, rules, and regulations necessary for emergency management purposes and to supplement carrying out the emergency management laws that are not inconsistent with orders, rules, or regulations adopted by the Governor of Indiana or by a state agency exercising a power delegated to it by the Governor, the emergency management program and emergency management plan of Perry County, and any such orders, rules, and regulations have the full force and effect of law when filed with the office of the clerk of Perry County.
- 7. This Proclamation is effective at/2100 aron March 18, 2020 and will expire seven days thereafter, but its effectiveness may be extended by the act of the Commissioners.

Approved this 18th day of MARCH, 2020.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, PERRY COUNTY

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