



# KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

## Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

### RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE DECLARATION OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO FOR OPERATIONAL PURPOSES

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, the County of Kalamazoo, 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 Kalamazoo County Public Health Emergency Coordination Center was partially activated on February 3, 2020, and fully activated since March 10, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kalamazoo 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 Kalamazoo could hinder and/or cease most daily operations within the entire County and overwhelm Emergency Medical Services, Hospitals, Long Term Care Facilities, Public Health Services, and Urgent Care facilities; 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 Kalamazoo 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 1976 PA 276, as amended by PA 228 of 2020, hereby known as the "Open Meetings Act"; 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 Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with Section 10 of 1976 PA 390, the Michigan Emergency Management Act, as amended, and the Open Meetings Act, as amended, hereby declares that a "local state of emergency" exists within our jurisdiction as of 12/15, 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 December 31, 2021, unless otherwise extended or repealed by the Board of Commissioners.

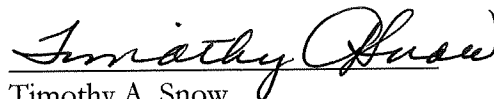
Moved by Commissioner Moore seconded by Commissioner Seals to take immediate action and approve the resolution as presented.

Motion carried/defeated by roll call vote.

Yeas: 11 Nays: 0

STATE OF MICHIGAN                    )  
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COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO            )

I, Timothy A. Snow, County Clerk/Register, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners at a regular session held on December 15, 2020.

  
Timothy A. Snow,  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds