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DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION STATEMENT

March 16, 2020

For immediate release

The Indiana County Commissioners will pass a declaration of disaster emergency for the County in response to the current situation involving the COVID-19 infectious disease outbreak.

Although this action does not change any current response to the event, it enhances the county's response to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Indiana County.

This declaration authorizes the temporary suspension of all formal requirements in light of the exigencies of this disaster emergency, including all time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements) pertaining to the performance of public work, entering into contracts, the incurring of obligations, the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials, the levying of taxes and the appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

For more information on the declaration, visit www.indianacountypa.gov for a PDF copy of the document titled Indiana County Disaster Declaration - COVID-19.

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on or about March 16, 2020, a Pandemic Emergency, issued by the United States President, threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of Indiana County; and

WHEREAS, the Pandemic Emergency has endangered the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Indiana County and threatens to create problems grater in scope than Indiana County, may be able to resolve;

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents in Indiana County.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Commissioners of Indiana County, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 PA CS), as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in Indiana County.

FURTHER, we direct the Indiana County Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency

STILL FURTHER, we authorize officials of Indiana County to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, namely: by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

This Declaration shall take effect immediately



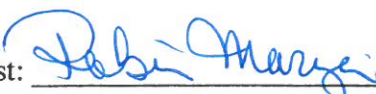
R. Michael Keith, Chairman



Robin Gorman, Commissioner



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Attest: 

Date: 3-16-2020