RESOLUTION 2020-10

HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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PROCLAMATION

DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the COVID-19 (CORONA) virus threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the citizens of HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP (TOWNSHIP), ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus has the potential to endanger the health, safety, and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in the TOWNSHIP, and threatens to create challenges greater in scope than HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP may be able to resolve through traditional measures; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of affected residents and the community at large in the TOWNSHIP.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Edward Deardorff, HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR'S CHAIRMAN, hereby join the Township Supervisors, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. § 7501, do hereby proclaim the existence of a local disaster emergency in HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP, ADAMS County, Pennsylvania.

FURTHER, I direct TOWNSHIP staff to work with FAIRFIELD REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FREMA) to provide Emergency Management coordination and response teams as necessary for emergency response assistance working with first responders while providing for staff and first responders' health and safety; to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this emergency; to aid in restoration of essential public services; and to take any other public service and public safety response action deemed necessary.

FURTHER, I direct administrative staff and first responders of the TOWNSHIP to act and meet the current and ongoing demands of this emergency; namely, TOWNSHIP departments may implement emergency assignments without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law, excepting mandatory constitutional requirements, pertaining to the performance of public services, entering into contracts, the incurring of obligations, the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials, and the appropriation and expenditure of public funds as such actions are necessary to mitigate this emergency.

FURTHER, I hereby suspend the provisions of any regulatory ordinance prescribing procedures for the conduct of municipal business, or the orders, rules, and regulations of any municipal department, if strict compliance therewith would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Proclamation shall take effect immediately and be continued for a period through and including April 30, 2020, unless renewed by or with the consent of the HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS.

By SEAL of HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP, ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, as authorized this 20th day of March, 2020.

Jay Edward Deardorff, Chairman

Douglas Woerner, Vice Chairman

Nina Garretson, Secretary

SEAL: