

**WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP
DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION 2020-41

PROCLAMATION' OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, United States President Donald J. Trump issued a Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak, pursuant to Sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. § 1601, *et seq.*) and consistent with Section 1135 of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 1320b-5), finding and proclaiming that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency, beginning March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, pursuant to Section 7301(c) of the Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. § 7101, *et seq.*, Governor Tom Wolf issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, proclaiming the existence of a disaster emergency across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a result of the spread of coronavirus or COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the COVID-19 virus threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons of West Hanover Township (the "Township"); 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 problems greater in scope than the 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa C.S. § 7101, *et seq.*, do hereby proclaim the existence of a local disaster emergency in West Hanover Township.

FURTHER, We direct the West Hanover Township Emergency Management Coordinator and response team to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

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FURTHER, We direct Administrative Staff of to act to meet the current and ongoing demands of this emergency; namely, the 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 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 as such actions are necessary to mitigate this emergency.

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

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the West Hanover Township Board of Supervisors this 6th day of April 2020.

ATTEST:

WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Daniel Rosario
Township Manager



Stacey Connors
Chairwoman

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