County of Hamilton
State of Indiana

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Hamilton County, Indiana

Local Emergency Proclamation

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Indiana has passed the Emergency Management and Disaster Law, which is codified at Indiana Code 10-14-3-1 ("the Disaster Law"); and,

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is a political subdivision whose executive is the Board of Commissioners pursuant to Indiana Code 10-14-3-7; and,

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 10-14-3-7(a), authorizes the executive of a political subdivision to take actions to protect, prevent, or mitigate where possible, and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the State; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 10-14-3-17 provides the requirement and authority for Hamilton County to maintain a county emergency management organization, and Hamilton County has enacted a local ordinance (Ord. No. 8-23-10-B § 3, 8-23-2010) establishing the Department of Emergency Management.

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has enacted a local ordinance (Ord. No. 8-23-10-B § 3, 8-23-2010) pursuant to the authority granted by Indiana Code 10-14-3-29 that provides for the principal executive officer, the Board of Commissioners, to declare a local disaster emergency to activities the response and recovery aspects of all applicable local and inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans, specifically the Hamilton County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, and authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance.

WHEREAS, the term "Disaster" is defined to include Epidemic and Public Health Emergency under Indiana Code 10-14-3-1(b)(12); and,

WHEREAS, the following conditions have resulted in the need for a local disaster emergency, the number of positive cases of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to increase throughout Hamilton County; and hospitalizations are at the highest levels since the start of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the following disruption of important services, damage to life, or damage to property can be expected from the above conditions:

COVID-19 continues to expand in Hamilton County, and county resources are being used to respond to the pandemic to keep the public as safe as possible. Resources related to contact tracing, disease investigation and prevention, continuity of operations, public information, and emergency funding are expected to be exhausted; and

Hamilton County is experiencing resource shortages within Hamilton County and throughout Homeland Security District Five, including personal protective equipment for first responders, medical personnel, and others; and

Hamilton County is taking necessary precautions to protect the community, employees, and volunteers, which is having a negative impact on resources, personnel, and commerce.

WHEREAS, the foregoing affects the entire County, and now, therefore, it is formally declaring a local disaster emergency for Hamilton County, effective on this 20th day of November 2020, at 8:30 a.m. for Hamilton County; and it is further

RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Executive Director of Emergency Management shall take all necessary steps authorized by law to coordinate response and recovery from this emergency including,

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but not limited to, requesting assistance and potential reimbursements from the State of Indiana and the appropriate federal agencies; and it is further

RESOLVED AND ORDERED All public offices and employees of Hamilton County are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them, including the full support of the County's Emergency Operations Center, for the duration of the emergency and in the execution of emergency law, regulations, and directives; and it is further

RESOLVED AND ORDERED All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures – including the wearing of face coverings, frequently using hand sanitizer or washing hands, and to maintain social distancing, to cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency orders and plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful direction of properly identified emergency workers; and it is further

RESOLVED and ORDERED All operating forces will direct their communications and request for assistance and operations directly to the Hamilton County Emergency Management Department via the Hamilton County Emergency Operations Center.

RESOLVED AND ORDERED that this declaration of emergency shall expire on the 27th day of November 2020 as required by Indiana Code and County Ordinance.

In witness, whereof, we have hereunto set our hand this 20th day of November 2020

Hamilton County Board of Commissioners

Christine Altman, President

Mark Heirbrandt, Vice President

Steven C. Dillinger, Commissioner

Attest: Robin M Mills
Robin Mills, Hamilton County Auditor

Date: 11.20.2020

THE DOCUMENT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE IS ATTACHED IS A FULL, TRUE, AND CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN MY OFFICE.

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Kathy Kreag Williams

DATE OF CERTIFICATION KATHY KREAG WILLIAMS
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