

RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Holt County Commission on this 30th day of March, 2020, at a meeting duly called, noticed, and held, considered the matter of declaring a public health emergency to address the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, in December 2019, medical professionals detected a novel coronavirus, now designated as "SARS-CoV-2," which causes a disease known as "coronavirus disease 2019" abbreviated as "COVID-19"; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared an outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, advising countries to prepare for containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the Governor of Missouri declared a state of emergency exists in the State of Missouri to address the COVID-19 to prevent a substantial risk to the public health and safety and on March 15, 2020 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Governor recommended the cancellation or suspension of public events with more than 50 people; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2020, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services adopted an Order including measures to protect the health and safety of Missouri citizens and workers;

WHEREAS, upon information and belief, COVID-19 is spread person to person through direct or close proximate contact, is highly contagious, and presents an imminent threat of widespread illness and a threat to public health; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, after consultation with local jurisdictions, it was determined a state of emergency exists which required a response by the Holt County Commission to protect human life; and

WHEREAS, as of March 30, 2020, no person has tested positive for COVID-19 in Holt County; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to spread throughout the United States with more than 85,000 cases reported in the United States, and with all evidence suggesting that the number will continue to increase in the near future; and

WHEREAS, after consultation with local jurisdictions, the Holt County Commission has adjudged that there continues to reasonably appear to exist a state of emergency which requires a response by the Holt County Commission to protect human life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE HOLT COUNTY COMMISSION OF HOLT COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. This Resolution and Proclamation of Emergency, is made pursuant to § 49.650, RSMo. and enacted as described herein. The exercise of certain powers granted to the Holt County Commission in § 49.650, RSMo. appears reasonably necessary due to the local state of emergency, and the Holt County Commission strongly encourages and recommends to the citizens, organizations, entities and businesses of Holt County, Missouri, the following guidelines:

- A. Every person, organization, entity and business should avoid planned or spontaneous gatherings of more than ten (10) people, including any events or gatherings that would bring together more than ten (10) people in a single space at the same time.
- B. Any person that organizes or holds a gathering of less than ten (10) people should take appropriate action to minimize risk to the greatest extent possible by implementing and enforcing mitigation measures, including, but not limited to, social distancing, limiting the time period of gatherings, frequent cleaning of all surfaces, and posting of signs.
- C. Every restaurant, bar, or other dining facility should not permit eating or drinking within restaurants, bars, or other dining facilities, and every person should avoid eating or drinking within restaurants, bars, or other dining facilities; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pick-up, or delivery may continue.
- D. Every person should not visit nursing homes, long-term care facilities, retirement homes, or assisted living homes unless to provide critical assistance.
- E. In accordance with guidelines from the President, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Governor, and Department of Health and Senior Services, schools should remain closed; however, schools may continue to provide child care and Food and Nutritional Services for those children that qualify and teachers and staff may enter school buildings so long as the guidelines set forth in this Resolution are followed.
- F. For organizations, entities, and businesses that remain open, individuals should practice good hygiene and, where feasible, work from home to achieve optimum isolation from COVID-19.

Section 2. This Resolution and Proclamation of Emergency is effective at 12:01 a.m. on April 1, 2020, and shall continue up to April 15, 2020, at 11:59 p.m.; however, the Holt County Commission shall re-evaluate the recommendations set forth in this Resolution in


advance of April 15, 2020 to determine whether these guidelines and recommendations should be continued.

ADOPTED AND RESOLVED, THIS 30 DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

HOLT COUNTY, MISSOURI


Thomas Bullock, Presiding Commissioner


Carla Markt, First District Commissioner


David Carroll, Second District Commissioner


ATTEST:

County Clerk Certification

I certify that I am the County Clerk of Holt County, Missouri; that the foregoing document is a true, complete, and correct Resolution and Proclamation of Emergency adopted by the Holt County Commission, Missouri on March 30, 2020, as the same appears in the official records of the County, and the Resolution and Proclamation of Emergency has not been modified, amended, or repealed, and is in full force and effect on the date hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed the Certificate and affixed the seal of the County of Holt, Missouri this 30th day of March 2020.

HOLT COUNTY CLERK:


Angie Gamache, County Clerk

