

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 10

DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, effective as of March 18, 2020, there were multiple positive cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) confirmed in Chester County, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which was set forth in a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued by the Governor of Pennsylvania, Tom Wolf; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 presents the spreading both nationwide and within Willistown Township, Chester County and therefore may endanger the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Willistown Township and which likewise threatens to create substantial public health, medical, and emergency response burdens within Willistown Township, Chester County; and

WHEREAS, immediate proactive emergency management measures are required to mitigate and reduce the severity of this public health emergency for purposes of protecting the health, safety and welfare of residents in Willistown Township, Chester County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Board of Supervisors of Willistown Township, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 Pa C.S. Section 7101 et seq.), do hereby declare the existence of a local disaster emergency in Willistown Township, Chester County;

FURTHER, the effect of this Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local emergency management plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder;

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

AND FURTHER, we authorize the Willistown Township Manager, in coordination with the Willistown Township Emergency Management Coordinator, to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies, including but not limited to the employment of temporary workers, rental of equipment, and entry into such contracts and agreements as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to the time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

AND FURTHER, we declare that this declaration shall remain in effect until terminated by the Board of Supervisors.

DECLARED this 23rd day of March, 2020.

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William R. Shoemaker, Chair

Robert T. Lange, Vice Chair

Barbara L. Handelin, Member

ATTEST:

Sally Slook, Secretary