



Resolution

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE DECLARATION OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE COUNTY OF BARRY

WHEREAS, in March, 2020 Barry County sustained one of its first cases of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, Barry County continues to assess its local situational status relating to the COVID-19 outbreak. As a result of this ongoing situation, the following conditions exist:

- There is significant monitoring, assessment, and response to the virus outbreak locally, regionally, throughout the State of Michigan, the United States, and in other countries.
- There has been adjustment of policy and procedure for many employees in units of local governmental, businesses, nongovernmental organizations, families, and individuals to include conducting meetings of a public body in a virtual setting in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.
- Strict response and patient care protocols by all hospitals, long-term care facilities, police, fire, and EMS personnel for any interaction with the general public.
- Bars and restaurants are operating at a limited capacity per as a part of issued Epidemic Orders.


Schools in Barry County have significantly altered their learning service platform.

- A widespread outbreak within Barry County could hinder and/or cease most daily operations within the entire county and overwhelm essential services.


WHEREAS, a request for a declaration of a Local State of Emergency has been completed for Barry County to ensure local units of government can continue to meet virtually or that the public can attend an open meeting virtually in compliance with the Open Meetings Act; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Barry County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with Section 10 of 1976 PA 390, as amended, and the Open Meetings Act, as amended, hereby declares that a "local state of emergency" exists within our jurisdiction as of March 23, 2021, and that local resources and funding are being utilized to the fullest possible extent and that elements of the Emergency Operations plan will be implemented as necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Declaration will expire on December 31, 2021, unless otherwise extended by the Board of Commissioners.



Benjamin D. Geiger, Chairperson
Barry County Board of Commissioners



Pamela A. Palmer
Barry County Clerk

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