

COUNTY OF LAGRANGE
PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-03-18

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING EMERGENCY IN LAGRANGE
COUNTY, INDIANA CONCERNING THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS**

WHEREAS, the Governor of Indiana has declared a public health emergency regarding the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (and similar strains, collectively, “COVID-19”);

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has spread to nearby counties in Indiana, is easily transmitted, can be fatal, and has serious potential to overwhelm the public health care sector in the County if not adequately planned against;

WHEREAS, pursuant to LaGrange County Ordinance 2011-5-16B, the President of the Board of Commissioners of the County of LaGrange (“Commissioners”) is the principal executive officer of LaGrange County, Indiana (“County”); *and*

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code Section 10-14-3-29, the principal executive officer may declare a local emergency and activate the response and recovery aspects of all applicable emergency plans.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LAGRANGE, INDIANA THAT:

SECTION I

The President of the Board of Commissioners of the County of LaGrange, as the principal executive officer, hereby declares a state of emergency for LaGrange County, Indiana.

SECTION II

The LaGrange County Emergency Management Director (“Director”) is hereby authorized and directed, within the scope of applicable law, to:

- A. reasonably implement and train County department heads on their duties to implement the County’s Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan;
- B. file this proclamation with the County Auditor and the Clerk of Courts;
- C. give this declaration prompt and general publicity including, but not limited to, to all incorporated towns, law enforcement agencies, fire departments, hospitals, and news media in the County via press release;
- D. inform the public by all appropriate means of measures to mitigate against the spread of COVID-19;

- E. facilitate and coordinate disaster mitigation from other jurisdictions with other County agencies and disaster relief, as may become available;
- F. take prudent action to lessen the likelihood of injury to persons in the County; *and*
- G. prepare, to the extent feasible, a summative report of actions taken, liabilities incurred, expenses owed as a result of this section and a report on the scope of the threat and damage.

SECTION III


This declaration of a local state of emergency shall automatically expire at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 unless affirmatively terminated or renewed by the full Board of Commissioners of the County of LaGrange beforehand.

SECTION IV

Notwithstanding anything in this proclamation to the contrary, nothing in this proclamation shall be construed to create any new legal duty, right, or benefit, whether substantive or procedural, enforceable against the County, its agencies, its officers or employees, or any person; nor to waive or diminish any protection that may be applicable to the County or any of its elected or appointed officials, employees, agents, or representatives under any applicable statutes, rules, or regulations providing governmental immunity, or any other rights, protections, immunities, defenses, or limitations on liability that the County or such related parties are provided by law.


SECTION V

This proclamation shall be effective immediately. Proclaimed this 18th day of March 2020.



Larry N. Miller, Principal Executive Officer
LaGrange County, Indiana

ATTEST:



Kathryn Hopper, Auditor

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