

RESOLUTION NO. 20-03-358

DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19

COMMISSIONERS/GENERAL COUNTY

Mr. Simmons introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, which is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus that is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans; and

WHEREAS, Miami County, Ohio, has been affected by COVID-19, which can endanger the health, safety, and welfare of persons in Miami County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Governor DeWine issued Executive Order #2020-013 on March 9, 2020, declaring a State of Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio announced its first case of community acquired COVID-19 on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS the event may exceed all locally available public and private resources available to alleviate the effects of this emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Miami County Commissioners, in consultation with Miami County Public Health and Miami County Emergency Management Agency, has determined that it is in the best interest of the Miami County, Ohio to take all necessary actions to prevent COVID-19 from spreading.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that as authorized by Ohio Revised Code sections 5502.21 through 5502.51, the Board of Miami County Commissioners, Miami County, Ohio, hereby DECLARES that a State of Emergency (as defined by R.C. 5502.21(F)) exists in Miami County, Ohio related to COVID-19 and necessitating the Board to undertake all actions authorized by said Ohio Revised Code sections as well as other provisions of law, required to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Miami County, Ohio.

This DECLARATION of a State of Emergency shall activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all local and inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans that apply to Miami County, Ohio and shall initiate the rendering of aid and assistance as necessary under those plans.

Reference is hereby made to the Miami County Emergency Operations Plan and all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances and resolutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Miami County Commissioners that:

1. Any rights or powers lawfully exercised, or any actions taken pursuant to local disaster emergency plans shall continue and have full force and effect as authorized by law unless modified or terminated in the manner prescribed by law; and
2. The Board shall utilize all necessary resources and personnel of the Board of Commissioners to respond to this emergency pursuant to this Resolution endorsing the participation of county employees in assisting with responding and recovering during a declared emergency and/or points of dispensing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that due to the existence of a real and present emergency as described above, the Board of Miami County Commissioners, pursuant to the authority granted by R.C. 307.86(A), hereby exempts from the competitive bidding process purchases related to the emergency that are greater than \$50,000 but less than \$100,000, so long as no fewer than three informal estimates are obtained prior to undertaking such purchase; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that commencing at the end of business today, March 19, 2020, all County buildings are hereby closed to the members of the public except

1. Such persons that have business with the county and whom have made a prior appointment with a County Office; or
2. Such persons whom, pursuant to the particular officeholder's policies and procedures, have business with the Miami County Court of Common Pleas, the Miami County Municipal Court, the Miami County Clerk of Courts, the Miami County Sheriff's Office and such other County offices that have authorized access without a prior appointment to their respective offices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become effective immediately and shall terminate, as well as the State of Emergency declared herein, in thirty days unless renewed by a majority vote of this Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board shall certify copies of this resolution to Miami County Public Health Commissioner, Dennis Propes and Miami County Emergency Management Director, Joel Smith.

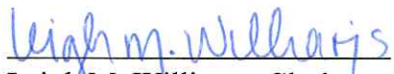
Mr. Mercer seconded the motion and the Board voted as follows upon roll call:

Mr. Mercer, Yea;                      Mr. Simmons, Yea;                      Mr. Evans, Yea.

DATED: March 19, 2020

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Leigh M. Williams, Clerk to the Board of Miami County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct transcript of action taken by the board under the date of March 19, 2020.

  
Leigh M. Williams, Clerk

Cc:    Journal  
      Files  
      EMA – Joel Smith  
      MC Public Health – Dennis Propes  
      EO's/Department Heads  
      All County Employees