

## EMERGENCY DECLARATION

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared that the viral disease, COVID-19, is a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 6, 2020 Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf signed an emergency disaster declaration to provide increased support to Pennsylvania state agencies involved in the response to the virus and directed all Commonwealth departments and agencies to use all available resources and personnel as deemed necessary to cope with the emergency created by the pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has and will pose a danger to the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of residents of Ross Township, causing substantial damage and suffering to the residents and property of Ross Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have created problems greater in scope than Ross Township may be able to resolve; and

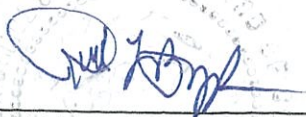
**WHEREAS**, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents of Ross Township.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Ross Township Board of Commissioners (the "Board"), pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 Pa. C. S. Section 7501), as amended, do hereby proclaim the existence of a disaster emergency in Ross Township.

**FURTHER**, the Board directs the local Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

**FURTHER**, the Board authorizes the officials of Ross Township to act as necessary to meet the current demands of this emergency, namely: by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

This Declaration of Emergency shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as the Declaration is lifted by the Ross Township Manager.

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RONALD L. BORCZYK,  
Ross Township Manager

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STEPHEN L. KORBEL, ESQ.,  
President, Ross Township Board  
Of Commissioners

Date: March 16, 2020