RESOLUTION NO. 2020-_12_-CM

DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, the Tippecanoe County Health Department declared a public health emergency related to the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-02 declaring a public health emergency for Coronavirus 2019 outbreak, directing local officials to cooperate with the Indiana State Department of Health in responding to the health emergency; and

WHEREAS, IC 10-14-3-29 permits the President of the Board of Commissioners to declare a local disaster emergency for seven days which may be extended by the full Board of Commissioners thereafter; and

WHEREAS, IC 10-14-3-1(b)(22)-(23) define "disaster" to include epidemics and public health emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Tippecanoe County Code §§32.35 - 32.45 specify procedures and powers that apply whenever the Governor and/or the President of the Board of Commissioners declares a local disaster emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. The Board of Commissioners hereby determines that there exists throughout Tippecanoe County a local disaster emergency, specifically the spread of the COVID-19 virus and the resulting worldwide pandemic.

Sec. 2. Tippecanoe County Government and its agencies are hereby directed to cooperate with the Indiana State Department of Health, the State of Indiana, and other local governments and organizations, particularly in Tippecanoe County, in their efforts to address this health emergency.

Sec. 3. Tippecanoe County Government and its agencies are hereby authorized to seek such financial reimbursement, funding assistance, supplies, and other assistance as are made available through the State and Federal Government due to the health emergency.

Sec. 4. The response and recovery aspects of all applicable local or interjurisdictional disaster emergency plans are hereby activated and the furnishing of aid an assistance under such plans are hereby authorized.

Sec. 5. The President of the Board of Commissioners may issue a local travel advisory, watch, or warning for up to seven (7) days pursuant to IC 10-14-3-29.5 if the conditions warrant. Such advisory, watch or warning may be extended by the Board of Commissioners.

Sec. 6. Tippecanoe County Government and its agencies shall comply with the procedures set forth in IC 10-14-3 and County Code §§32.35 - 32.45 when exercising the emergency powers granted thereunder.

Sec. 7. Subject to the adoption by the full Board of Commissioners, this Resolution shall remain in effect until declaration of public health emergency by the Tippecanoe County Health Department and the Governor is rescinded.

Declared by the President of the Board of Commissioners of Tippecanoe County on this 21 day of MARCH 2020, for a period not to exceed seven days unless adopted by the full Board of Commissioners.

Tracy A. Brown, President Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners

Adopted and extended for the period specified in Section 7 this 26th day of March 2020 by the Board of Commissioners of Tippecanoe County.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
TIPPECANOE COUNTY

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Robert Plantenga, Auditor of Tippecanoe County