



DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on or about the date of this declaration, a disaster related to the public health of ERIE COUNTY has caused or threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to persons and property in ERIE COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, the disaster is occasioned by the current outbreak of the COVID-19 virus that has a high probability of endangering the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in ERIE COUNTY and threatens to create problems greater in scope than ERIE COUNTY 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 in ERIE COUNTY;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the undersigned County Executive of ERIE COUNTY, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C. S. Section 7501, as amended, the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued by Governor Wolf on March 6, 2020, and the Erie County Emergency Operations Plan, do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in ERIE COUNTY;

FURTHER, I direct the ERIE COUNTY Department of Health and the ERIE COUNTY Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster and safeguard the public health, to aid in the maintenance and restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary.

STILL FURTHER, I authorize officials of ERIE COUNTY to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, including but not limited to the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials, and the entering into of 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 shall take effect immediately.

County Executive, Erie County, Pennsylvania

[Handwritten signature of Kathy Dahlkemper]

Kathy Dahlkemper

Date: March 16, 2020

[Handwritten signature of Gary N. Lee]

Witness:

Date: March 16, 2020