

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, ILLINOIS

PROCLAMATION OF A DISASTER

WHEREAS, a significant outbreak of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) emerged in China; and is a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people through respiratory transmissions and present with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, certain populations are at higher risk of experiencing more severe illness as a result of COVID-19 including older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, or lung disease; and

WHEREAS, the County of Franklin is continuing its efforts to prepare for any eventuality given that this is a novel illness with known health risks to the elderly and those with serious chronic medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, the CDC currently recommends community preparedness and everyday prevention measures be taken by all individuals and families in the United States, including voluntary home isolation when individuals are sick with respiratory symptoms, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue, washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and routinely cleaning frequently touched surfaces and objects to increase community resilience and readiness for responding to an outbreak; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the County of Franklin to be prepared to address any disasters and therefore, it is necessary and appropriate to make additional resources within County of Franklin available to ensure that the effects of COVID-19 are mitigated and minimized and that residents and visitors in County of Franklin remain safe and secure; and

WHEREAS, this proclamation will activate the Franklin County Emergency Operations Plan by proclaiming that a disaster exists within the County of Franklin; this proclamation of disaster will assist the residents of the County of Franklin by and through its Emergency Management Agency and through coordination of federal, state, county and municipal resources and response activities, in an effort to prevent and reduce further damage and hazards, protect the health and safety of persons, protect property and provide emergency response;

NOW THEREFORE I, Randall Crocker, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the County Board Chairman of Franklin County, Illinois, pursuant to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/11, and Franklin County Emergency Management Ordinance 2011-04, proclaim that a state of emergency exists within Franklin County, Illinois.

I hereby order Director of Emergency Management Ryan M. Buckingham to proceed with haste to bring said this disaster to a rapid conclusion for the safety and best interests of the residents of the County of Franklin. All departments, offices and agencies of Franklin County Government shall furnish all aid and assistance thereunder.

This proclamation is effective on March 20th, 2020 and shall continue for a period not to exceed seven days, unless extended by the County Board of Franklin County, Illinois.

SIGNED:



Randall Crocker
County Board Chairman

ATTEST:



Greg Woolard
County Clerk

COUNTY SEAL

