

**VALLEY TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-08

**DECLARATION OF
LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, effective as of March 6, 2020, there were presumed positive cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) confirmed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which was set forth in a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued by the Governor of Pennsylvania, Tom Wolf; and

WHEREAS, effective as of March 15, 2020, the Governor also implemented an aggressive mitigation plan for Chester County, and the Chester County Commissioners have limited County Government services to essential functions only; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 presents the possibility of spreading both nationwide and within Valley Township, Chester County and therefore may endanger the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Valley Township and which likewise threatens to create substantial public health, medical, and emergency response burdens within Valley Township, Chester County; and

WHEREAS, immediate proactive emergency management measures are required to mitigate and reduce the severity of this public health emergency for purposes of protecting the health, safety and welfare of residents in Valley Township, Chester County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Board of Supervisors of Valley Township, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 Pa C.S. Section 7101 et seq.), do hereby declare the existence of a local disaster emergency in Valley Township, Chester County.

FURTHER, the effect of this Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local emergency management plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder.

FURTHER, we direct the Valley Township Emergency Management Coordinator, to coordinate the activities of emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this medical emergency, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response and recovery action deemed necessary to respond to this disaster emergency.

FURTHER, the Valley Township Board of Supervisors shall publicly ratify this Declaration and Resolution at the next public meeting of the Board of Supervisors, and hereby declares the terms and conditions to remain in effect until expressly revoked by the Board.

ENACTED AND RESOLVED, as of this 16th day of March, 2020. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**VALLEY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

/s/ Patrice Proctor
Patrice Proctor, Chairwoman

/s/ Kathy O'Doherty
Kathy O'Doherty, Vice Chairwoman

/s/ Christopher Lehenky
Christopher Lehenky

/s/ Sharon Yates
Sharon Yates

/s/ Carmen Boyd
Carmen Boyd

ATTEST:

/s/ Janis A. Rambo
Janis A. Rambo, Secretary