

# Polk Township Board of Supervisors

## DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY POLK TOWNSHIP, JEFFERSON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

**WHEREAS**, a novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19 emerged in Wuhan, China and began infecting humans in December of 2019 and has spread to multiple countries, including the United States of America, to include the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, the event has endangered the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in the municipality and threatens to create problems greater in scope than the municipality and County may be able to resolve; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has declared a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on March 6, 2020 regarding the Public Health Emergency created by COVID-19, which among other things authorized the suspension of certain procedures and formalities prescribed by law and urged counties and municipalities to "act as necessary" to meet the current exigencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has declared a National Emergency in response to the COVID-19 outbreak on March 13, 2020; 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 Polk Township, Jefferson County;

**NOW THEREFORE**, we, the undersigned Board of Supervisors of Polk Township, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 PA C.S.A.), as amended do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency within Polk Township, Jefferson County upon virtue of our authority;

**FURTHER**, we direct the Emergency Services Management coordinator of Polk Township, Jefferson County, PA, along with the other supervisors of Polk Township, and the Jefferson County, PA Commissioners and Emergency Services Management office, 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 service, and to take any other emergency response actions deemed necessary to respond to this disaster emergency.


**FURTHER**, we direct municipality and County resources to assist with this public health emergency by providing assistance to the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency to take whatever actions are needed to restore the health and safety of our residents.

**STILL FURTHER**, we authorize the Department of Emergency Services to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, 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 (except mandatory constitutional requirements).

This declaration shall take effect immediately.

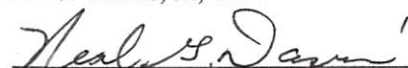
As declared by order of the **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, POLK TOWNSHIP, JEFFERSON COUNTY, PA** on

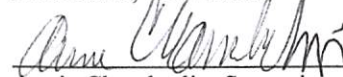
3/24/2020 (date)

  
Annie Chamberlin, Secretary

Municipality Seal

  
James Manno, Jr., Chair

  
Neal Davis, Vice-Chair

  
Annie Chamberlin, Supervisor