

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
TANEY COUNTY COMMISSION**

DATE ISSUED: March 23, 2020

SUBJECT: **Resolution and Declaration of State of Emergency Due to  
Coronavirus**

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency;

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020 the Governor of Missouri declared a state of emergency exists in the State of Missouri to address the COVID-19 to prevent a substantial risk to public health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2020 the Center for Disease Control and the Governor recommended the cancellation or suspension of public events with more than 50 people; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the President of the United States issued guidelines encouraging the public for the next fifteen days to avoid social gatherings in groups of more than ten (10) people and to avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts and instead, use drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options; and

**WHEREAS**, the Taney County Commission has been advised that there have been confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in counties adjoining Taney County, Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 can result in mild or severe symptoms with the elderly population and those with serious underlying health conditions being most at risk from COVID-19, which in some cases may be fatal; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is highly contagious, and is spread through close contact between persons and respiratory transmission and poses a serious health risk for Taney County residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, any large gathering of persons may accelerate the spread of infection in Taney County, Missouri and pose a risk to the health of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued spread of COVID-19 constitutes a natural calamity and presents an imminent threat of wide-spread illness, which requires emergency action; and

**WHEREAS**, the Taney County Commission on this 23th day of March 2020, at a meeting duly called, noticed, and held, considers the matter of declaring a public health emergency to address the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 21, 2020, the Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services, finding it necessary to protect public health and prevent the further spread of COVID-19, pursuant to the authority granted under section 192.020, RSMo, ordered the following:

- “In accordance with the guidelines from the President and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, every person in the State of Missouri shall avoid social gatherings of more than ten (10) people. For purposes of this Order, “social gatherings” shall mean any planned or spontaneous event or convening that would bring together more than ten (10) people in a single space at the same time.”
- “In accordance with the guidelines from the President and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, every person in the State of Missouri shall avoid eating or drinking at restaurants, bars, or food courts; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is allowed throughout the duration of this Order.”
- “In accordance with the guidelines from the President and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, people shall not visit nursing homes, long-term care facilities, retirement homes, or assisted living homes unless to provide critical assistance.”
- “In accordance with the guidelines from the President and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, schools shall remain closed. This Order does not prohibit schools from providing child care and Food and Nutritional Services for those children that qualify. Teachers and staff may enter the building as long as they follow the directives set forth in this Order.”

**WHEREAS**, the Order provides that it does not prohibit people from visiting a variety of places, including grocery stores, gas stations, parks, and banks, so long as necessary precautions are taken and maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID-19, including maintaining at least six feet (6’) of distance between all individuals that are not family members;

**WHEREAS**, the Order further provides that for offices and workplaces that remain open, individuals shall practice good hygiene and, where feasible, work from home in order to achieve optimum isolation from COVID-19; and the more that people reduce their public contact, the sooner COVID-19 will be contained and the sooner this Order will expire.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Order, local public health authorities are hereby directed to carry out and enforce the provisions of this Order by means of civil proceedings.

**WHEREAS**, the Order will take effect beginning 12:01 A.M. Monday, March 23, 2020 and remain in effect until 12:01 A.M. Monday, April 6, 2020 unless extended by further order of the Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services with said extensions not to exceed the duration of the effective period of Executive Order 20-02.

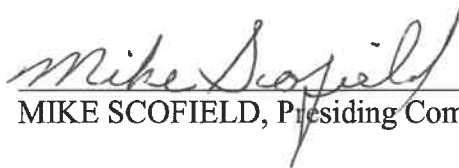
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF TANEY COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on motion duly made and seconded, the question was called and Commissioner Wyatt voted “yes”, Commissioner Williams voted “yes”, and Presiding Commissioner Scofield voted “yes”, **IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** declaring a state of emergency in Taney County effective March 23, 2020 to control the spread of COVID-19 to protect the safety and welfare of the citizens of Taney County, Missouri, and to acknowledge the findings, recommendations and Order of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution shall be filed in the office of the Taney County Clerk before 5:00 p.m. this date and copies of said resolution shall be printed and available for distribution to the public in the Office of the County Clerk and a copy of this Resolution shall be published in a newspaper in the county for three successive weeks, not later than thirty (30) days after the entry thereof.

ADOPTED BY THE TANEY COUNTY COMMISSION this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2020 at 9:16am o'clock PM.

**TANEY COUNTY, MISSOURI**

  
MIKE SCOFIELD, Presiding Commissioner

03/23/2020  
Dated

  
BRANDON WILLIAMS, West District Commissioner

3/23/2020  
Dated

  
SHEILA WYATT, East District Commissioner

03/23/2020  
Dated

ATTEST:

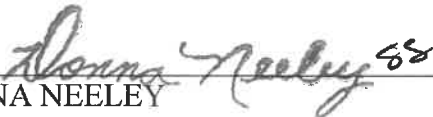
County Clerk Certification

I certify that I am the County Clerk of Taney County, Missouri; that the foregoing document is a true, complete, and correct Resolution adopted by the Taney County Commission, Missouri on March 23, 2020, as the same appears in the official records of the County, and the Resolution has not been modified, amended, or repealed, and is in full force and effect on the date hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed the Certificate and affixed the seal of the County of Taney, Missouri this 23th day of March 2020.

TANEY COUNTY CLERK:



  
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DONNA NEELEY  
Taney County Clerk