

Penn Forest Township
County of Carbon, Pennsylvania
Declaration of Disaster Emergency

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus (now known as “SARS CoV-2”) emerged in Wuhan, China, began infecting humans in December 2019, and has since spread throughout the world, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, SARS CoV-2 is known to have the potential to cause Coronavirus Disease-2019 (COVID-19) in humans; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has declared COVID-19 a “public health emergency of international concern” and that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary has declared that COVID-19 creates a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Office of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on March 6, 2020 due to COVID-19 under the authority of 35 Pa. C.S. § 7701, *et seq.* that authorized the suspension of certain procedures and formalities prescribed by law and urged counties to “act as necessary to meet the current exigencies”; 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 Penn Forest Township; and

WHEREAS, Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa. C.S. §7501) authorizes Penn Forest Township to declare a disaster emergency upon the finding a disaster has occurred or is imminent; and

NOW THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Supervisors of Penn Forest Township pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa. C.S. §7501), as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in Penn Forest Township due to COVID-19.

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FURTHER, we authorize officials of Penn Forest Township to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, namely: by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, the incurring of obligations, the levying of taxes and the appropriation and expenditure of public funds, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

AND FURTHER, this declaration of a disaster emergency in Penn Forest Township shall continue in full force and effect for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this resolution, unless terminated earlier by the Supervisors of Penn Forest Township.

This Declaration shall take effect immediately this 3rd day of August, 2020 by the **Board of Supervisors of the Township of Penn Forest County of Carbon.**

ATTEST:



Dana Vitale, Township Secretary

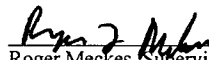
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