

TOWNSHIP OF EAST DONEGAL

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

RESOLUTION NO. 2020- 6

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST DONEGAL TOWNSHIP, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO RATIFY AND CONFIRM A DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC OF 2020

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus (now known as “COVID-19”) emerged in Wuhan, China, began infecting humans in December 2019, and has since spread to over 100 countries, including the United States; and

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

WHEREAS, this pandemic is endangering the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in East Donegal Township, a municipality within Lancaster County and threatens to create problems potentially greater in scope than the Township may be able to resolve on its own; and

WHEREAS, this threat of imminent pandemic throughout the Township is of such magnitude and severity as to render essential the Township’s coordination of emergency resources and mutual aid to the county and other municipal governments of this county and to require the activation of all applicable state, county, and municipal emergency response plans.

WHEREAS, this threat of imminent pandemic has the potential to cause significant adverse impacts upon the population throughout the Township; 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 East Donegal Township

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Board of Supervisors of East Donegal Township,

pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 PA C.S., Section 7501), as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in East Donegal Township;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we direct the East Donegal Township Emergency Management Coordinator 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 continuation and restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we authorize officials of East Donegal 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, and by entering into such contracts and agreements 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, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

This Declaration shall take effect immediately and continue until rescinded by the Board of Supervisors.

**TOWNSHIP OF EAST DONEGAL
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania**

Attest: _____
Jeffrey L. Butler
Township Secretary

By: _____
John E. Murphy, Jr.
Chairman & Supervisor

Allen D. Esbenshade
Vice-Chairman & Supervisor

Thomas M. Jones
Supervisor

**APPROVED BY TELEPHONE ON 3/20/2020. TO BE
RETIFIED AND SIGNED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
EAST DONEGAL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**