

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

County Board Chair
Kara Purviance
INITIATED BY



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County Board Chair
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SUBMITTED BY

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**EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY BY 30 DAYS
DUE TO THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, County Administrator Josh Smith and then Chair of the Rock County
- 2 Board of Supervisors J. Russell Podzilni issued a Declaration of Local State of Emergency in response to
- 3 the COVID-19 pandemic; and,
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- 5 **WHEREAS**, on March 26, 2020, the Rock Board of Supervisors acted by resolution to ratify the local
- 6 state of emergency; and,
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- 8 **WHEREAS**, the declaration of a local state of emergency allows County Administrator Smith to exercise
- 9 emergency powers and issue administrative orders that are necessary and expedient for the health, safety,
- 10 protection, and welfare of persons and property within Rock County; and,
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- 12 **WHEREAS**, to date, County Administrator Smith has issued administrative orders allowing for the
- 13 continuity of government operations by the use of electronic meetings, policies to provide for federally
- 14 protected under the FFCRA for County Employees, and establish a Temporary Leave Program for
- 15 employees unable to work because of the "Safer at Home" order; and,
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- 17 **WHEREAS**, the initial Declaration of Local State of Emergency was limited to 60 days and therefore
- 18 expires on May 15, 2020; and,
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- 20 **WHEREAS**, COVID-19 continues to present a substantial threat to the health, safety and wellbeing of the
- 21 Rock County, which currently has the ninth highest growth rate of Covid-19 cases in the country, according
- 22 to data collected by the New York Times; and,
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- 24 **WHEREAS**, it is still necessary and appropriate to provide County Administrator Smith the general
- 25 authority to order, in consultation with the County Board Chair and subject to review by the Rock County
- 26 Board of Supervisors, whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare
- 27 of persons and property within Rock County during the emergency; and
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- 29 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 323 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Rock County Board of Supervisors
- 30 has the power to extend the local state of emergency declared on March 16, 2020
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- 32 **WHEREAS**, extension of the local state of emergency declared in Rock County on March 16, 2020 for a
- 33 period of 30 days will continue to facilitate and expedite the use of resources to protect persons from the
- 34 impacts of the spread of COVID-19 while ensuring the continuity of the critical operations of Rock County.
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- 36 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 37 this 14th day of May, 2020 does hereby declare that pursuant to section 323.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes,
- 38 in light of the continued threat to the provisions of medical care and public health that is posed by COVID-
- 39 19; to protect public peace, health, and safety; and to preserve the lives of property, economic stability;
- 40 and insure cooperation and coordination, that a local state of emergency continues to exists within Rock
- 41 County and as such, the Declaration of Local State of Emergency signed on March 16, 2020 shall be
- 42 extended for a period of 30 days, or until modified by further proclamation or further action of the Rock
- 43 County Board of Supervisors.

Respectfully submitted,

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

_____, Chair

Administrative Note:

Recommended.

/s/Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator

FISCAL NOTE:

The majority of the costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting Local State of Emergency are eligible for Federal and/or State funding. The total fiscal impact to the County is unknown at the time. However, every effort will be made to seek as much reimbursement as possible.

/s/Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.11, the governing body of any unit of local government may by resolution declare or extend a local state of emergency.

/s/Richard Greenlee

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