

TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE SMITHFIELD  
MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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 89 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 “public health emergency of international concern,” and a “pandemic”; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has declared a “state of emergency” due to the identification of COVID-19 infected citizens; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 constitutes a threat of imminent disaster to the health of the citizens of the Township of Middle Smithfield (the “Township”); and

WHEREAS, this threat of imminent disaster and emergency has the potential to cause significant adverse impacts upon the population throughout the Township; and

WHEREAS, this threat of imminent disaster and emergency has already caused schools to close, and will likely prompt additional local measures, including affected county and municipal governments to declare local disaster emergencies because of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, and its possible consequences, endangers the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in 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 endangered residents in the Township; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Supervisors of the Township of Middle Smithfield 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 the Township.

FURTHER, we direct the 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, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

STILL FURTHER, we authorize officials of the Township to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements) pertaining to the

performance of public work, entering into contracts, the incurring of obligations, the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials, the levying of taxes and the appropriation and expenditure of public funds

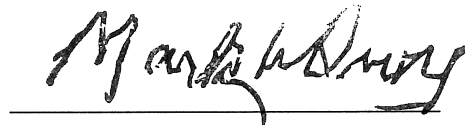
This Declaration shall take effect immediately, and remain in effect until such time as the Board of Supervisors adopts a subsequent declaration terminating the local disaster emergency.

DECLARED BY THE Board of Supervisors of the Township of Middle Smithfield, Monroe County, Pennsylvania this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

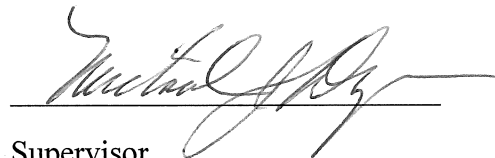
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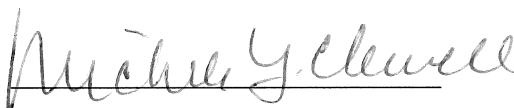
Chairperson



Vice Chairperson



Supervisor



Township Secretary

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