

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

COLUMBIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

WHEREAS, on or about March 16, 2020, The Coronavirus/COVID-19 has caused or threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of Columbia County or create a significant impact on County resources; and

WHEREAS, this event has endangered the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Columbia County and threatens to create problems greater in scope than Columbia County may be able to resolve; 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 Columbia County;

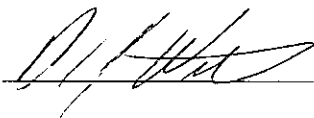
NOW THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Commissioners of Columbia County, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 PA C.S.A.), as amended do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in Columbia County;

FURTHER, we direct the Columbia County Emergency Management Agency 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 restoration of essential public service, and to take any other emergency response actions deemed necessary to respond to this disaster emergency.

STILL FURTHER, we authorize officials of Columbia County 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 remain in effect until further notice as determined by the Commissioners of Columbia County.

Attest:



Date: March 16, 2020

COMMISSIONERS

