

CAERNARVON TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY  
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-19

**DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on or about March 6, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania proclaimed the existence of a disaster emergency throughout the Commonwealth pursuant to 35 Pa. C.S. § 7301(c) in response to the declaration by the World Health Organization and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") that the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") is a "public health emergency of international concern;"

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, on or about March 27, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania issued an Order directing individuals to stay at home; except as needed to access, support, or provide life sustaining business, emergency, or government services.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused or threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of Caernarvon Township, Berks County; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has endangered the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Caernarvon Township, Berks County, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than Caernarvon Township, Berks 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 Caernarvon Township, Berks County;

WHEREAS, given that the need for immediate and continuing emergency management measures are required to mitigate and reduce the severity of this public health emergency for purposes of protecting the health, safety and welfare of residents in Caernarvon Township, Berks County, the Board of Supervisors declare the existence of a disaster emergency in accordance with its powers pursuant to 35 Pa.C.S.A. § 7501(b);

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors have determined the necessity to continue this Declaration of Disaster Emergency, and by this Resolution intend that the emergency situation status confronting the Caernarvon Township, Berks County be authorized until officially terminated; and

WHEREAS, the social distancing mandates of the Commonwealth and the CDC, the Board of Supervisors, in conjunction with this Declaration, may take all action set forth in Section 7501, including, but not limited to, hosting virtual Township public meetings, advertised as such and in a manner that affords the public the opportunity to observe and participate;


NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Supervisors of Caernarvon Township, Berks County, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501(b) of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 Pa. C.S.A., § 7501), as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in Caernarvon Township, Berks County.

FURTHER, we direct the Caernarvon Township, Berks County 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 restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

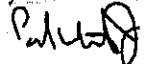
STILL FURTHER, we authorize officials of Caernarvon Township, Berks County to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, namely: by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, convene virtual Township public meetings, advertised as such and in a manner that affords the public the opportunity to observe and participate, 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 shall continue in full force and effect unless and until it is discontinued by official action of the Board of Supervisors.


**BY THE CAERNARVON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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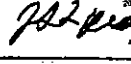
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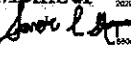
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Attest: Joan Bair, Secretary

Date: 3/31/2020

