

# Emergency Declaration

WHEREAS, on or about March 11, 2020 the County of Delaware declared the Coronavirus COVID-19 is a threat to cause illness, suffering, and possible death to the persons of Newtown Township, Delaware County; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 could endangered the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Newtown Township, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than problems Newtown Township may be able to resolve; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this illness and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents in Newtown Township;

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Supervisors reauthorized the enactment of Resolution 2017-10 at the March 9, 2020 meeting to allow at least two members of Staff, the Township Manager, Chief of Police and or Public Works Director to declare a State of Emergency;

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to continue the State of Emergency beyond the initial Declaration dated March 12, 2020, which by statute last for seven days;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Supervisors/Staff of Newtown 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 Newtown Township.

FURTHER, I/we direct the Newtown 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 restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

STILL FURTHER, I/we authorize officials of Newtown 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 health and safety 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.

