

## **DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on Monday, March 16, 2020 based on the information provided by Montgomery County about the Covid 19 outbreak that could cause or threaten to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of the Township of Perkiomen; and

WHEREAS, Covid 19 could endanger the health, safety and welfare of the residents residing in Perkiomen Township, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than the Township of Perkiomen 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 Perkiomen Township.

Now, THEREFORE, I, as the Chairman of the Perkiomen Township Board of Supervisors, and on behalf of the Board. And pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 (b) of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S.A. 7101 et seq., I hereby declare the existence of a public health local disaster emergency in Perkiomen Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania and continue for the next thirty (30) days from March 23, 2020.

Further, the Perkiomen Township Emergency Management Coordinator is directed 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 authorize the officials of Perkiomen Township to act as necessary to meet the current needs 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 works 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.

ATTEST: Levile M. Daniel, Township

Manager

William Patterson, Chairman Board of Supervisors

Date: March 23, 2020

