

**RESOLUTION 2020-5
DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY**

A RESOLUTION OF LEHIGH TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, DECLARING A DISASTER EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC ASSOCIATED WITH A NOVEL CORONAVIRUS, COVID-19, AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO COORDINATE ALL ACTIVITIES AND TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTION NEEDED TO ALLEVIATE THE EFFECTS OF THIS DISASTER FOR ESSENTIAL PUBLIC SERVICES.

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus now known as COVID-19 was first detected in China,

WHEREAS, on March 6th, 2020, two presumptive positive COVID-19 cases were reported in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

WHEREAS, on March 12th, 2020, Northampton County reported the first presumptive positive COVID-19 case in the County. COVID-19 has caused or threatens to cause illness and suffering to the residents of Lehigh Township; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has endangered the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Lehigh Township and threatens to create problems greater in scope than Lehigh Township 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 Lehigh Township:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of Lehigh 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 proclaim the existence of a disaster emergency in Lehigh Township.

FURTHER, the Board of Supervisors hereby direct the Lehigh 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.

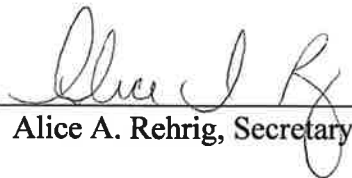
STILL FURTHER, the Board of Supervisors authorize officials of Lehigh Township to act as necessary to meet the current demands of this emergency, namely: by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contracts 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.

Resolved this 24th Day of March, 2020. This resolution shall remain in effect for 60 days.

By:


Cynthia L. Miller, Chairman


Alice A. Rehrig, Secretary