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DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on or about March 1, 2020 the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak began to spread through the Commonwealth of PA and on or about March 9, 2020 the first confirmed case was announced in Monroe County. This pandemic outbreak threatens to cause injury – both physical & mental, damage – financial and societal, and long suffering to the persons and property of Smithfield Township – Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak has endangered the health, safety and welfare of some, if not all, persons residing in and visiting Smithfield Township, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than Smithfield Township may be able to resolve on its own; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this public health disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of all affected residents in Smithfield Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, We the undersigned, the Board of Supervisors of Smithfield 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 Smithfield Township.

FURTHER, We direct the officials of Smithfield Township to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in maintaining essential public services and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

STILL FURTHER, We authorize officials of Smithfield 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 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.

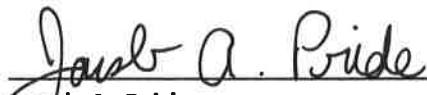
This declaration shall take effect immediately.



Brian E. Barrett
Chairman



Robert Lovenheim
Vice Chairman



Jacob A. Pride
Supervisor

Attest:



Lois J. Turr
Administrative Secretary

03/20/2020

Date