

ENROLLED RESOLUTION 174-3

RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND FURTHER MODIFYING
EMERGENCY DECLARATION REGARDING COVID-19

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus now named Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) was detected and has spread throughout many countries, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and the United States Department of Health and Human Services has declared a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the State of Wisconsin has declared the existence of a public health emergency, as defined in Section 323.02(16), Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the existence of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within Wisconsin, including within Waukesha County, constitutes a condition within the County posing an imminent threat of a disaster within the meaning of Chapter 323 of the Wisconsin Statutes that could impair medical care, health protection, and other critical systems of Waukesha County; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the Waukesha County Executive, by proclamation pursuant to authority under Sections 323.11 and 323.14(4)(b), Wisconsin Statutes, declared a state of emergency in Waukesha County in light of the public health threat posed by COVID-19 for a period of sixty-days in order to facilitate and expedite the use of resources to protect persons from the impacts of the spread of COVID-19 while ensuring continuity of critical operations within Waukesha County, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons within Waukesha County and in order to further facilitate and expedite resources and the continuity of governmental operations, that additional reasonable and prudent steps be taken to treat those infected with COVID-19, to prevent, limit, and contain the potential community spread of COVID-19, and to provide the County Executive with the flexibility necessary to timely respond to the fluid nature of the emergency; and

WHEREAS, County Code Section 17-1 adopts the existing County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan maintained by Department of Emergency Preparedness, which references emergency purchasing guidelines, identifying procurement card purchasing authority totaling \$300,000 for business continuity purposes during an emergency.

THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF WAUKESHA
RESOLVES that the March 13, 2020 Proclamation Declaring State of Emergency in Waukesha County Regarding COVID-19 is hereby in all respects ratified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the state of emergency, when necessary in the discretion of the County Executive of Waukesha County, purchasing ordinances and policies may be modified or suspended as deemed appropriate to facilitate emergency action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the state of emergency, when necessary in the discretion of the County Executive for expediting resources to protect from the impacts of COVID-19 or ensuring the continuity of critical operations within Waukesha County, the County Executive is empowered to authorize the transfer of expenditure authority of up to \$300,000 from the contingency fund for response to the emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this state of emergency shall remain in effect during the time emergency conditions exist or are likely to exist.

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The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, was presented to the County Executive on:

Date: 3/30/2020, Margaret Wartman
Margaret Wartman, County Clerk

The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, is hereby:

Approved: X

Vetoed: _____

Date: 3/30/2020, Paul Farrow
Paul Farrow, County Executive

FISCAL NOTE

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The Emergency Proclamation has required, and is expected to require, additional expenditures by county departments, including (but not limited) to the following items:

- Increased Public Health supplies for pandemic response activities
- Additional facility cleaning supplies and signage
- Equipment and training for employees to work at home
- Reimbursement of county business travel cancelation fees
- Additional election equipment to accommodate an anticipated increase in absentee ballots
- Personnel compensation adjustments that may be needed as a response to the emergency proclamation

These expenditures are currently being made within existing department budget appropriations to respond to the proclaimed emergency. It is anticipated that additional appropriation authority will be needed. The ordinance authorizes contingency funds of up to \$300,000 to cover these costs. As state and federal funding is made available, the county will seek reimbursement where appropriate.



Andrew Theelke
Director of Administration
3/18/2020

Resolution 174-R-006



Resolution 174-R-006: Ratifying and Further Modifying Emergency Declaration Regarding COVID-19

VOTE RESULTS: Passed By Majority Vote

AYE: 21

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 4

D1 - Foti	Yes
D2 - Zimmermann	Yes
D3 - Morris	Yes
D4 - Batzko	Yes
D5 - Dondlinger	Yes
D6 - Walz	Yes
D7 - Grant	Yes
D8 - Michalski	Yes
D9 - Heinrich	Yes
D10 - Swan	Yes
D11 - Howard	ABSENT
D12 - Wolff	Motion
D13 - Decker	Yes

D14 - Wood	Yes
D15 - Mitchell	Yes
D16 - Crowley	ABSENT
D17 - Paulson	Yes
D18 - Nelson	Yes
D19 - Cummings	ABSENT
D20 - Schellinger	Yes
D21 - Gaughan	Yes
D22 - Wysocki	ABSENT
D23 - Hammitt	Second
D24 - Whittow	Yes
D25 - Johnson	Yes