

EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT PROCLAMATION AND / OR RESOLUTION OF A STATE OF

EMERGENCY IN REYNOLDS COUNTY

RESOLUTION -13-30-20

**WHEREAS**, in December 2019; medical professionals detected a novel coronavirus, now designated as "SARS-CoV-2 which causes a disease known as "coronavirus 2019" abbreviated and popularly known as "COVID-19"; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020; the World Health Organization Director General declared an outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, advising countries to prepare for containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing and prevention of onward spread of disease; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020; the World Health Organization Director General characterized the COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020; the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 30, 2020; the Reynolds County Health Department has issued a Public Health Emergency Order for updated guidelines for restaurants and public gatherings, (see attached); and

**WHEREAS**, the existence of this has resulted in the declaration of a worldwide pandemic and declared an Emergency in the state of Missouri, and in according to the guidelines from the President and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention it is appropriate and necessary to take appropriate action to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is highly contagious and is spread through close contact between persons by respiratory transmission and poses a serious health risk for Reynolds County residents and visitors, and large gatherings of persons may accelerate the spread of infection in Reynolds County posing risk of health of our community which requires emergency action, and;

**WHEREAS**, that areas within the boundaries of Reynolds County, Missouri; are immediately threatened with COVID-19 resulting in mild or severe symptoms with the elderly population and those with serious underlying medical conditions being most at risk of which some cases could be fatal, with attempts of curtailing the spread for the protection of the Health and Safety of residents and visitors in Reynolds County, Missouri, and an emergency exists;

**NOW THEREFORE**, we Reynolds County Board of County Commissioners, Reynolds County, Missouri, hereby declare a state of emergency exists in Reynolds County, Missouri; and we hereby invoke and declare in full force and effect in Reynolds County, Missouri; if need, all laws, statutes of the State of Missouri, and Reynolds County, Missouri, for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for the protection of the lives and property of the people of Reynolds County, Missouri; and the restoration of local government with a minimum of interruption; and

As pursuant with Chapter 44 of the Revised Missouri State Statutes, and Court Orders, as pertinent to: Chapter 192.300 RSMo and CSR 20-20.050.3, the Reynolds County Commission and the Reynolds County Health Board are authorized to promulgate orders intended to enhance the public health and prevent the entrance of infections, contagious, communicable, or dangerous diseases such as COVID-19 into Reynolds County, a declaration that a state of emergency exists in Reynolds County, Missouri; and

All public officers and employees of Reynolds County, Missouri; are hereby directed to exercise the most diligence in discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in the execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives state, and local not to conflict with any rules of regulation authorized by the Department of social Services under Chapter 198 RSMo; and

All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary measures, to cooperate with public officials and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified public office.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Reynolds County Health Department may promulgate such mandatory or advisory rules, policies, and guidance as is necessary and appropriate to implement this Order. Mandatory rules and policies so promulgated shall have the force of law to the greatest extent permitted Federal, State and County law.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** this state of emergency **shall be effective at 12:01 a.m.**

March 30, 2020; and expire at 12:01 a.m. fourteen (14) days to the last confirmed case of COVID-19

Within the confines of Reynolds County; to coincide with actions previously taken by the Order of the Health Department. This order may be extended if necessary or terminated upon subsequent order declaring the emergency no longer exists. A copy of this Order shall be filed in the Office of the Reynolds county Clerk before 5 p.m. this date and copies of said order shall be printed and available for the distribution to the public in the Office of the Reynolds County Clerk,

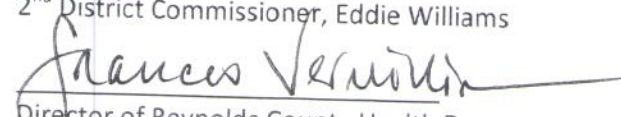
In witness, we have hereunto set our hand at 3:00 p.m. hours, the 30 day of March 2020 A.D.

**COUNTY OF REYNOLDS MISSOURI**

  
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Presiding Commissioner, Joe Loyd

  
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1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner, Doug Warren

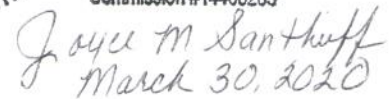
  
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2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner, Eddie Williams

  
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Director of Reynolds County Health Department  
Frances Vermillion

Attest:



JOYCE M. SANTHUFF  
My Commission Expires  
June 13, 2022  
Reynolds County  
Commission #14408285

  
March 30, 2020

  
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Reynolds County Clerk, Mike Harper

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Unavailable at this time  
Reynolds County Emergency  
Management Director,  
Renee Horn