

## **DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19 (“COVID-19”) emerged in Wuhan, China in or around December 2019, and has since spread to 114 countries, including the United States, and more specifically, residents of Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic and is “deeply concerned both by the alarming levels of spread and severity”; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a disease capable of causing severe symptoms or loss of life; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to prepare for and respond to suspected or confirmed cases in the Commonwealth and to implement measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the County of Montgomery have declared a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 17, 2020, the health pandemic COVID-19 constitutes a threat of imminent disaster and threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of Upper Gwynedd Township; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Commissioners of Upper Gwynedd 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 Upper Gwynedd Township

FURTHER, we direct the Upper Gwynedd 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, we authorize officials of Upper Gwynedd 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 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.

This Proclamation shall take effect immediately and shall be in place until such time it is deemed that the emergency is no longer a threat.

(COMMISSIONERS)

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(President)

Elizabeth K McNaney  
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(Vice President)

Denise M Hull  
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(Secretary)

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3/17/20