

RESOLUTION # 20-10

**RESOLUTION BY THE OTTAWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO
DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019
(COVID-19)**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Ottawa, Ohio, met in regular session at the office of the Board of County Commissioners, Ottawa County Courthouse, Port Clinton, Ohio on the 19th day of March 2020, at the regular place of meeting with the following members present:

Mark W. Stahl Donald A. Douglas Mark E. Coppeler

Commissioner Douglas moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, which is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus that is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans; and

WHEREAS, Ottawa County's residents are affected by the COVID-19 which can endanger the health, safety, and welfare of persons within Ottawa County; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Governor DeWine issued Executive Order #2020-13 on March 9, 2020 declaring a State of Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic; President Trump issued a National Emergency beginning March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, this pandemic may exceed all locally available public and private resources, the Ottawa County Emergency Management Agency is authorized to apply for and/or assist with any requests for all available state and federal assistance necessary for residents, employers, and the community as a whole;

NOW THEREFORE, The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners declare that a state of emergency exists in the county and that they hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Ohio Revised Code that are applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this proclamation, to be in full force and effect in the county for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection of the lives and property of the people of Ottawa County and the restoration of local government with minimum interruption. Reference is hereby made to all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances, and resolutions, and particularly Section 5502 of the Ohio Revised Code.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ottawa County Administrator is hereby authorized under Resolution 17-36 as adopted on July 25, 2017 to perform those disaster and emergency functions as outlined;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this State of Emergency shall continue until revoked by said Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements.

Adopted this 19th day of March 2020

Commissioner Coppeler seconded the Resolution and the vote on motion resulted as follows:

Vote on Motion: Mark W. Stahl, yes; Donald A. Douglas, yes, Mark E. Coppeler, yes.

I, Rhonda Slauterbeck, County Administrator/Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Ottawa County, Ohio hereby do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board under said date and as same appears in Commissioners' Journal, Volume 101.



Rhonda Slauterbeck, County Administrator/Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Ottawa County, Ohio