Disaster Emergency Declaration WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BELLE VERNON, PENNSYLVANIA

Disaster Emergency Declaration

March 19, 2020

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been declared by the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention a "public health emergency of international concern" and a "pandemic"; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has declared a state of emergency due to the identification of COVID-19 infected citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors intends to protect Township residents of Washington Township through this Declaration; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of a significant event which would seriously affect the health, safety, and welfare of a substantial number of Township citizens or preclude the operation or use of public facilities and services;

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501(b) of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S.A. 7101 et seq., I hereby declare the existence of a public health local disaster emergency in Washington Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

FURTHER, Township Departments may, in conjunction with the Township Emergency Management Coordinator, suspend such regulatory requirements deemed necessary to respond to this disaster emergency and to conduct Township business.

FURTHER, the Washington Township Emergency Management Coordinator is directed to coordinate the activities of the emergency response in coordination with other emergency management officials and take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this public health local disaster emergency.

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