Cook County Declares State of Emergency

March 17, 2020—The Cook County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution declaring a State of Emergency during the regular scheduled meeting on March 17, 2020. The resolution states:

COOK COUNTY RESOLUTION #20-14
RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a viral respiratory illness caused by a coronavirus that has not been found in people before;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is an illness which is potentially fatal to older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions like heart disease, diabetes, and lung disease;

WHEREAS, coronavirus is known to spread rapidly among populations without preventative measures and rapid action by local authorities;

WHEREAS, Cook County has a higher than average population of older adults, a higher than average level of movement across its borders related to Cook County’s tourism industry and its seasonal population;

WHEREAS, preventing the rapid spread of coronavirus and related fatalities among the Cook County population and its visitors requires swift action by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, its staff, and Cook County public officials,

WHEREAS, Cook County has already been required to purchase, and will continue to purchase necessary equipment, software, and other technological resources to allow for teleworking and the provision of essential services to its citizens and visitors without increasing the risk of transmission of the coronavirus;

WHEREAS, Cook County anticipates being required to expend additional financial resources to prevent the spread of coronavirus and make related communications; and for providing essential services to individuals in quarantine and isolation as a result of exposure to coronavirus or testing positive for the virus or COVID-19 illness;

WHEREAS, THE Cook County Department of Emergency Management requests the Cook County Board of Commissioners to declare Cook County in a STATE OF EMERGENCY during the COVID-19 outbreak in Cook County of March, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners declares Cook County in a STATE OF EMERGENCY for conditions resulting from the the COVID-19 outbreak in Cook County of March, 2020.

Adopted by the Cook County Board of Commissioners this 17th day of March, 2020.


ATTEST:

I, Rena Rogers, County Administrator (Interim), hereby attest that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Cook County Board of Commissioners on the 17th day of March, 2020.

Contact: Rena Rogers, Interim County Administrator at Rena.Rogers@co.cook.mn.us