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KENNETT TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY, PA

Disaster Emergency Declaration

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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 Kennett 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; and

WHEREAS, given that the need for immediate and continuing emergency management measures are required to mitigate and reduce the severity of this public health emergency for purposes of protecting the health, safety and welfare of residents in Chester County, the Kennett Township Board of Supervisors have determined the necessity to continue its Declaration of Disaster Emergency and by this Resolution intend that the emergency situation status confronting the County as memorialized by its initial Resolution and this Continuing Resolution be authorized until officially terminated;

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of Kennett 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 Kennett Township, Chester 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 Kennett 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eden Ratliff", written over a horizontal line.

Eden Ratliff, Township Manager