



**Johnson County Commission**

**William H. Gabel**  
Presiding Commissioner

**John L. Marr**  
Commissioner, Eastern District

**Charles Kavanaugh**  
Commissioner, Western District

**Diane Thompson**  
County Clerk

**Declaration of State of Emergency for Johnson County of the State of Missouri established by the Johnson County Commission**

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus (now known as "COVID-19") emerged in Wuhan, China, began infecting humans in December 2019, and has since spread to worldwide, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") have declared COVID-19 a "pandemic," and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") Secretary has declared that COVID-19 creates a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, Johnson County ("County") has been working in collaboration with the CDC, HHS, and local health and public safety agencies to monitor and plan for the containment and subsequent mitigation of COVID-19 through the formation of a Johnson County COVID-19 Task Force; and

WHEREAS, on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Director of the Johnson County Emergency Management Agency ordered the activation of its County Emergency Operations Center in support of the Johnson County COVID-19 Task Force, to maintain situational awareness and coordinate the response to any potential COVID-19 impacts across the County; and

WHEREAS, as of March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, there are 3,774 confirmed and/or presumed positive cases of COVID-19 in the United States resulting in 69 deaths; and

WHEREAS, as of March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 there are six (6) confirmed positive cases in the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, while it is anticipated that a high percentage of those affected by COVID-19 will experience mild influenza-like symptoms, COVID-19 is a disease capable of causing severe symptoms or loss of life, particularly to older populations and those individuals with preexisting conditions; and

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

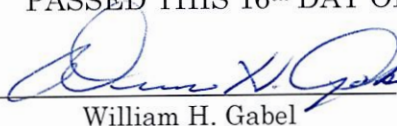
WHEREAS, this threat of imminent disaster and emergency has the potential to cause significant adverse impacts upon the population throughout the County; and

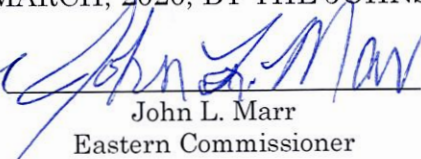
WHEREAS, this threat of imminent disaster and emergency has already caused local impacts and will likely prompt additional local measures, including affected municipal governments to declare local disaster emergencies because of COVID-19; and

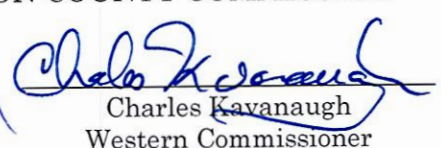
WHEREAS, this threat of imminent disaster and emergency situation throughout the County is of such magnitude and severity as to render essential the County's supplementation of emergency resources and mutual aid to the county and municipal governments of this County and to require the activation of all applicable state, county, and municipal emergency response plans.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions under the authority of the Revised Statutes of Missouri Title V Military Affairs and Police, Chapter 44.080 Civil Defense statues, we do hereby proclaim the existence of a disaster emergency throughout the County.

PASSED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2020, BY THE JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSION

  
William H. Gabel  
Presiding Commissioner

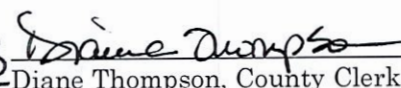
  
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the Commission of the County of Johnson have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the County of Johnson to be hereunto affixed in on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 2020.

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Diane Thompson, County Clerk