

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING AND CONFIRMING
CORONAVIRUS LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

RECITALS:

A. On March 23, 2020, the Board of Trustees adopted a Resolution that declared there was a Local State of Emergency in the Township due to the coronavirus, COVID-19 State of Emergency already declared by the President of the United States, Governor of the State of Michigan, Oakland County Executive, and Township Supervisor.

B. That Resolution found that COVID-19 and possible exposure to persons with it was a clear and present danger to the health, safety and welfare of Township personnel, and persons doing business with or residing in the Township that should be avoided.

C. Since that Resolution, COVID-19 in the State of Michigan has been repeatedly declared to be a public health emergency by the Governor and Director of the State Department of Health and Human Services as an epidemic in Orders that have prohibited and limited gatherings, including at meetings of public bodies.

D. Since that Resolution, the authority of the Township to hold meetings remotely by electronic means as authorized by Executive Orders of the Governor, has been replaced by an amendment of the Open Meetings Act under Public Act 228 that took effect on October 16, 2020, allowing remote electronic meetings of public bodies if there is a statewide or local state of emergency that would risk the personal health or safety of members of the public or the public body if the meeting were held in person.

E. The March 23, 2020, Resolution provided that the Emergency Declaration would remain in effect until the Governor's declared State of Emergency was terminated or the Supervisor determined that the coronavirus emergency upon which it was based no longer existed in the Township.

F. The Board of Trustees does not want the authority of Township boards, commissions, committees, and other public bodies to meet remotely to be dependent on whether there is a valid Governor declared statewide emergency due to COVID-19.

IT IS THEREFORE DECLARED THAT:

1. The Local State of Emergency in the Township declared by the Board of Trustees on March 23, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic/epidemic is hereby declared and confirmed as continuing, with this declaration to remain in effect until such time as the Supervisor or Board of Trustees determines that the COVID-19 emergency upon which this Declaration is based no longer exists in the Township.

2. During the Local State of Emergency that has been declared and confirmed as continuing, and unless otherwise determined by the Supervisor, holding in person meetings of Township boards, commissions, committees, and other public bodies would risk the personal health or safety of members of the public or the public body.
3. The authority granted to the Supervisor in the March 23, 2020, Resolution is continued.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Charter Township of Waterford Board of Trustees at a regular meeting on December 9, 2020.

Charter Township of Waterford

12-10-2020
Date

Kim Markee
Kim Markee, Township Clerk