DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on or about March 11, 2020, the COVID-19 Virus was declared a Pandemic by the World Health Organization and on March 13, 2020 the Federal Government declared a national emergency which has caused or threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of Perry County, and the Governor of Pennsylvania declared a disaster emergency by proclamation on March 6, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the COVID19 Pandemic has the potential to endanger the health, safety and welfare of the entire population of Perry County, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than Perry County, may be able to resolve; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of effected residents in Perry County, including but not limited to opening of emergency shelters and providing logistical support and coordination;

NOW, THEREFORE, we the undersigned Commissioners of Perry County, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 PA CS), as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a Disaster Emergency in Perry County;

FURTHER, we direct the Perry County Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, mitigation and recovery, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency

STILL FURTHER, we authorize officials of Perry County to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, namely: by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials and by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted

This Declaration shall take effect immediately.

Brian S. Allen, Chairman

Gary R. Eby, Vice Chairman

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary

Attest: Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk
Date: 3/16/2020