



DECLARATION OF DISASTER – RELATED TO COVID-19

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus (now known as “COVID-19”) originating in China began infecting humans in December 2019, and has since spread to numerous countries, including the United States; and

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

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 a “global pandemic”; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Pennsylvania has declared COVID-19 a disaster emergency throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared COVID-19 a National Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the spread of the virus creates a public health emergency; and threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of East Deer Township; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic has endangered the health, safety and welfare of substantial number of persons residing in East Deer Township, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than East Deer Township may be able to resolve; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disasters and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents in East Deer Township; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I Anthony Taliani Jr., Board of Commissioners Chairman of East Deer Township, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 PA C.S., Section 7501), as amended, as well as Section 10A06, 8 Pa.C.S.A § 10A06 of the Pennsylvania Code do hereby proclaim the existence of a disaster emergency in East Deer Township.

FURTHER, I direct the East Deer Township Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, 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, I authorize officials of East Deer Township to act necessary to meet the current demands 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.

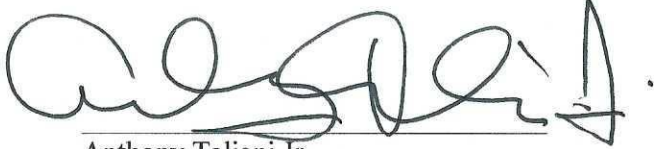
This Proclamation shall take effect immediately.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Chairmen of East Deer Township has caused this Declaration of Disaster to be executed this 17th day of March 2020.

ATTEST:


Chrystal M. Carmen,
Township Secretary

TOWNSHIP OF EAST DEER:


Anthony Taliani Jr.
Board of Commissioners, Chairman