



Emergency Declaration

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARICOPA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors does hereby find that the following dangerous condition or conditions exist in Maricopa County:

... pursuant to the attached
Proclamation of Local Emergency -
Maricopa County re:
The COVID-19 situation

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency exists in Maricopa County; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of the local emergency, the Chairman of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors shall govern by proclamation and shall have the authority to impose all necessary regulations to preserve the peace and order of Maricopa County.

Dated: March 18, 2020


Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Maricopa County

Attest: 
Clerk of the Board

Reference: A.R.S. Section 26-311



STATE OF ARIZONA
COUNTY OF MARICOPA

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PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY MARICOPA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors does hereby find that the following dangerous condition exists in Maricopa County; and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2020, the Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) confirmed the first case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States in Maricopa County, Arizona, and the Maricopa County Department of Public Health and the Arizona Department of Health Services have since worked to identify, contact, monitor and test others in Maricopa County potentially exposed to COVID-19 in coordination with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the CDC currently indicates there are over 204,277 confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide with multiple cases in the United States, and there is localized person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Maricopa County, increasing the risk of exposure and infection to the general public creating a public health risk that may spread quickly; and

WHEREAS, the CDC identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States, and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States and Maricopa County; and

WHEREAS, multiple cases of COVID-19 already exist in Maricopa County, and the effects of person-to-person transmission throughout Maricopa County may impact the life and health of our people, as well as our economy, and is a public health incident that affects life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2020, the MCDPH activated its Department Operations Center to manage their response to the county's first case of COVID-19; and

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

WHEREAS, MCDPH has been in regular communication with hospitals, clinics, and other health providers and has provided guidance to health facilities and providers regarding COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Healthcare and Emergency Medical Service providers in Maricopa County are experiencing shortages of personal protective equipment needed to respond to the growing emergency and appropriate PPE is one of the most effective ways to preserve and protect Maricopa County's healthcare workforce at this critical time and to prevent the spread of COVID-19 broadly; and

WHEREAS, the county must use all available preventative measures to combat the spread of COVID-19, which will require access to services, personnel, equipment, facilities, and other resources, potentially including resources beyond those currently available, to prepare for and respond to any potential cases and the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, there is a local emergency present which necessitates activation of the Maricopa County Emergency Operations Plan and utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to **Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S.) §26-311**;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency exists in Maricopa County as a result of the aforementioned conditions, which impacts the life and health of our residents and the economy of Maricopa County.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of the local emergency, the Chairman of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors shall govern by proclamation and shall have the authority to impose all necessary regulations to preserve the public health and safety of Maricopa County.

Dated: March 18, 2020



Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Maricopa County

Attest: Frank McCarroll
Clerk of the Board