

**Joint Executive Order 5-2020  
of the Wayne County, Indiana Commissioners, and  
the Mayor of Richmond, Indiana**

**WHEREAS**, on March 6, 2020 the Governor, Eric Holcomb, issued Executive Order 20-02, declaring a public health emergency in the State of Indiana due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which declaration has been extended by the Governor on seven (7) separate occasions, the most recent of which extends the public health emergency for a thirty (30) day period from October 2, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Richmond, Indiana issued an Executive Order on March 16, 2020 wherein he declared a local disaster emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Wayne County, Indiana ("Board"), as the Executive of said County also declared a local disaster emergency within its jurisdiction of Wayne County, Indiana due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board and the Mayor have heretofore issued Joint Executive Orders wherein certain restrictive measures were implemented to address the public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, Wayne County, Indiana Government and the City of Richmond, Indiana continue to closely monitor all developments related to COVID-19 through consultation with local health officials, and, although the COVID-19 transmission rate, and its resulting effects remain fluid, the most current information as relayed by the world, national, state and local health officers warrants that additional joint executive action be taken in order to ensure the health and safety of all Wayne County, Indiana residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Wayne County, Indiana and the City of Richmond, Indiana desire to protect the health of all citizens, to slow the rate the of transmission of COVID-19, and avoid any debilitating demands placed on our local healthcare delivery system; and

**WHEREAS**, a political subdivision may respond to disastrous situations, as defined by the Indiana Code, which includes, but is not limited to, the following: "an occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural phenomenon or human act", which definition includes an "epidemic" and "public health emergency"; and

**WHEREAS**, a political subdivision may make, amend, and rescind orders, rules, and regulations as necessary for emergency management, and such orders, rules, and regulations have the full force and effect of law when filed in the office of the clerk of the adopting or promulgating political subdivision or agency of the state if adopted by a political subdivision; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Indiana has published a color-coded map measuring community spread of COVID-19 in Indiana by employing certain metrics which are tracked on a continuous basis, and Wayne County, Indiana was, until recently, designated as "yellow",

which indicates a “moderate community spread”; however, this designation was elevated to “orange” on October 21, 2020, which indicates a “medium to high community spread”; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, consistent with the newest recommendations by the Wayne County, Indiana Health Department, the Mayor of the City of Richmond, Indiana as the City’s Principle Executive, and the Board, as the Executive of Wayne County, Indiana declare that:

1. All residents within the unincorporated areas of Wayne County, Indiana, and within the corporate limits of Richmond, Indiana, shall refrain from organizing and/or attending any social gathering in excess of seventy-five (75) people.
2. Any social gathering of up to seventy-five (75) people may take place so long as CDC social distancing guidelines are followed. It is encouraged that other sanitization measures also be implemented.
3. The above provisions shall be applicable to all events where people are in close physical contact for extended periods of time; however, any religious services shall be exempt from this Order but such services shall implement strict social distancing guidelines within the premises at which the services occur.
4. As will the Governor, so too, will the offices of the Mayor and the County Commissioners continue to monitor the spread of the virus in and around Wayne County, Indiana. Thus, as we stated in our prior executive orders, our respective offices will continue to monitor the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus and we expressly reserve our right and authority, as most recently recognized in the Governor’s Executive Order 20-43, to issue more restrictive directives to which our constituents would be subject. This includes monitoring citizens use of facial coverings, social distancing, and whether the State of Indiana chooses to elevate Wayne County to a “red” designation as defined by its color-coded map.

All of which was executed on the 21st day of October, 2020 as is evidenced by the signatures set forth below.

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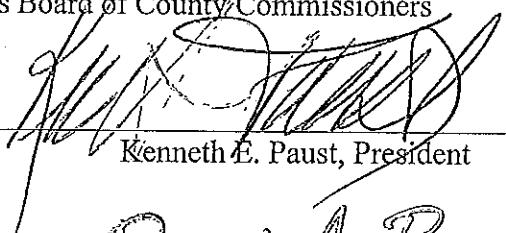
Mayor of the City of Richmond, Indiana

By:


  
David M. Snow, Mayor

Wayne County, Indiana  
By its Board of County Commissioners

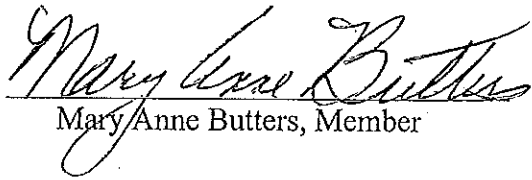
By:

  
Kenneth E. Paust, President

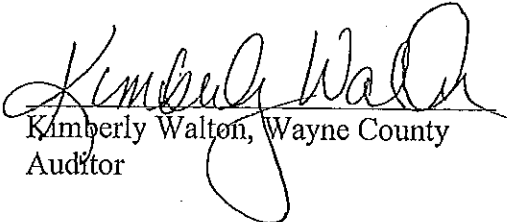
And Also:

  
Dennis A. Burns, Member

And Also:

  
Mary Anne Butters, Member

Attest:

  
Kimberly Walton, Wayne County  
Auditor