

## **Joint Executive Order of the Wayne County, Indiana Commissioners, and the Mayor of Richmond, Indiana**

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020 the World Health Organization (“WHO”) declared that the Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) outbreak to be a pandemic due to reaching a phase characterized by widespread human infection; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary, Alex M. Azar II, declared a public health emergency for the United States; and

**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; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Richmond, Indiana issued an Executive Order on March 16, 2020 wherein he declares 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 now deem it appropriate to also declare a local disaster emergency within its jurisdiction of Wayne County, Indiana due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Wayne County, Indiana Government and the City of Richmond, Indiana have closely monitored 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 WHO, CDC, and ISDH warrants that 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**, due to the conditions described herein, the Mayor, as Executive of the City of Richmond, Indiana, and the Board determine that certain joint declarations are appropriate in order to further protect the safety of the public, which declarations are set forth below.

**NOW THEREFORE**, by the power vested in us as members of the Board of Commissioners of Wayne County, Indiana, we do hereby establish by Executive Order on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, that there exists a local disaster emergency due to the public health emergency associated with the transmission of COVID-19 as contemplated by Indiana Code 10-14-3 *et. seq.*

**NOW ALSO THEREFORE**, the Mayor of the City of Richmond, Indiana as the Principle Executive, and the Board, as the Executive of Wayne County, Indiana declare that:

1. All citizens subject to the jurisdiction of both the City and County are directed to cease all non-essential interaction, including but not limited to social gatherings and interactions; and
2. The Mayor hereby declares travel restrictions consistent with that Level Two Declaration heretofore declared by the Board, and both the Mayor and the Board wish to emphasize the need for all City and County residents to abide by the terms of that travel restriction. Both the Mayor and the Board will be consulting with their respective law enforcement officials relative to stepped-up enforcement of the travel restriction.
3. All employers within the City and the County are asked to affect a reduction in their usual in-place workforce of at least thirty percent (30%) in order to reduce the transmission rate of COVID-19. The requested reduction shall be deemed to include those employees who have been assigned in-home work or are working primarily on a remote basis away from their usual workplace. Employers are further asked to permit self-quarantine by those in their workforce who are particularly susceptible to COVID-19 due to advanced age and/or compromised medical conditions as further defined by the CDC. Employers should also increase the proximity of social distancing among their employees and implement such practices with their patrons and customers.
4. The actions of the Wayne County Local Health Officer temporarily closing certain identified businesses within the County are hereby re-affirmed by the Mayor and the Board, as well as those closures heretofore directed by Governor Eric Holcomb in Executive Order 20-04 dated March 19, 2020.
5. Both the Mayor and the Board shall continue to monitor local developments relative to the COVID-19 emergency and additional, more restrictive directives may be forthcoming if the situation so requires.

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All of which was executed on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 as is evidenced by the signatures set forth below.

**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:**

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**Kimberly Walton**