

## **DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 16, 2020 a (disaster) has caused or threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of Upper Burrell Township, Westmoreland County; and

**WHEREAS**, the (disaster) has endangered the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Upper Burrell Township, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than the Upper Burrell Township may be able to resolve; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of the (disaster) and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of affected residents in Upper Burrell Township; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, we, the undersigned Supervisors of Upper Burrell Township, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Code, (35 PA C.S., Section 7501), as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in Upper Burrell Township; and

**FURTHER**, we direct Mr. David Knox the 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 actions deemed necessary to respond to this emergency; and

**FURTHER**, we authorize officials of Upper Burrell Township to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, namely: by 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 prescribe by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted; and

**STILL FURTHER**, we direct the following:

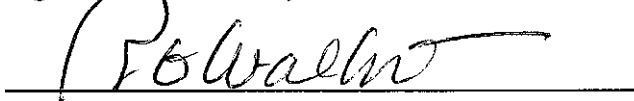
A: The Township Building located at 3735 – 7<sup>th</sup> Street Road, will remain


open during event, however we are restricting walk in visits.  
Building and Zoning permits will be accepted, reviewed, and issued, via email, fax, and/or US Mail. Any Township questions can be addressed via phone or email.

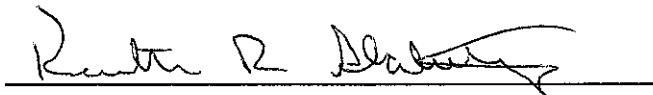
- B: The Upper Burrell Township Tax Office located at 201 Stoney Hill Road, will also be open during this event, however, we are restricting walk in visits. Tax payments will be accepted by U.S. Mail or payments can be deposited in the mail slot located outside the entry door. A receipt can be mailed providing a self-addressed stamped envelope is provided with the payment.
- C: All Emergency Services will remain open and staffed 24/7 for all emergencies within Upper Burrell Township and our Mutual Aid partners.
- D: Meeting of all Upper Burrell Township Boards, including Supervisors and Planning Commission and Zoning Board Meetings will be limited to the boards and those with essential business.
- E. All Township buildings and properties are not available for use by outside groups at this time.

This proclamation shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect Until the Township Supervisors deem necessary.

Signed this 17<sup>th</sup> days of March, 2020.

  
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Ross G. Walker, III, Chairman

  
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Michael P. Conley, Vice Chairman

  
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Kenneth R. Slahtovsky, Supervisor