

## VILLAGE OF FARMERSVILLE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS,** although there are no confirmed COVID-19 cases within the Village of Farmersville to date, this situation is rapidly evolving, and the threat of this virus and its economic impact are affecting the citizens and visitors of the Village of Farmersville. It is necessary that Farmersville be proactive and be fully prepared to deal with its effects; and

**WHEREAS,** on March 9, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine, signed an Executive Order declaring a State of Emergency for the entire State of Ohio in relation to COVID-19 pursuant to the Governor's authority vested in him by the Constitution, the laws of the State of Ohio and in accordance with Revised Code section 5502.22; and

**WHEREAS,** the Governor's Executive Order declaring a State of Emergency for the entire State of Ohio urged all citizens to heed to the advice of the Department of Health and other emergency officials regarding COVID-19 in order to protect their health and safety; and

**WHEREAS,** on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a National Emergency, invoking the Stafford Act and allowing the Federal Emergency Management Agency to coordinate disaster response and aid state and local governments in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS,** on March 17, 2020, Governor DeWine issued Executive Order 2020-03D expanding unemployment protection, eliminating obstacles to filing a claim, waiving certain penalties, and funding claims; and

**WHEREAS,** on March 22, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued a Director's Order for all Ohioans to Stay at Home unless participating in Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Activities, or Essential Business and Operations as are defined in the Order; and

**WHEREAS,** in the Village of Farmersville, this threat has already affected the daily lives of the citizens of Farmersville and, the need for citizens and Farmersville employees to stay home from work and other public places should they be exposed to the virus substantially impairs the functioning of Farmersville's government and its ability to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Farmersville, and

**Now Therefore,** I, Nicolas Lamb, Mayor of the Village of Farmersville, by the powers inherent in the position as Mayor as recognized by the Ohio Constitution and Revised Code. Do hereby order and direct that:

- A State of Emergency is declared for the entire Village of Farmersville to protect the welfare of the citizens of Farmersville as well as those who work, attend school, or otherwise visit the Village, from the effects of COVID-19.
- 2. All public offices and employees of the Village of Farmersville are hereby directed to continue to discharge their duties as directed by the Village Administrator during the duration of this emergency to allow for minimal disruption in serving the public.
- That all Village officials and employees will adhere to directives provided by the Governor of the State of Ohio, Ohio Department of Health, and the Montgomery County Public Health Department.
- 4. All Village offices are closed to the public, except by appointment made by phone.
- 5. The Village Council may conduct its public meetings virtually by appearing via videoconferencing, so long as all members can be seen and heard, and the meeting will be broadcast live to the public.
- 6. This Declaration shall be broadly interpreted to make the Village, its employees, citizens, and businesses eligible for all grants, funding, loans, discounts, or any other type of benefit related to the COVID-19 pandemic from any federal, state, or local governments; or from any private company, organization, or citizen offering such benefits.
- 7. This declaration shall be in full force and effect until the state of emergency within the State of Ohio no longer exists.

I signed this Executive Order and Proclamation on April 16, 2020, in Farmersville, Ohio and it shall take effect immediately.

Nicolas Lamb

Mayor, Village of Farmersville, Ohio

Date