

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

LINN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a National Emergency pursuant to section 501 (b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the “Stafford Act”); and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Iowa has proclaimed a State of Disaster Emergency applicable to all Iowa jurisdictions under the authorities vested to the Governor by the Iowa Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 1, 8 and Iowa Code §§ 29C.6 (1); and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, it was confirmed that the spread of the virus reached Linn County by the announcement of a self-identified infected individual who conducted a public event in Linn County of March 6 and 13, 2020. The individual tested positive and is being treated; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of the pandemic are anticipated to be county-wide and require the deployment of assets, emergency expenditure of funds, and requesting resources and support from community partners and state and federal authorities.

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN THAT the Linn County Board of Supervisors and mayors of the municipal jurisdictions within Linn County, pursuant to the authorities vested in each by the Iowa Constitution, and by Iowa Code § 331.301(1) and Iowa Code § 364.1 respectively, and by applicable jurisdictional codes and ordinances related to **Civil Emergencies** hereby recognize a civil emergency exists within each respective jurisdiction and declare a **State of Disaster Emergency**.

Pursuant to Iowa Code § 29C.9 (9), § 29C.10 (2), § 29C.12, and Iowa Administrative Code § 605 Chapter 7.3(4), the Board of Supervisors and Mayors hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT** the following:

SECTION 1. This declaration activates the disaster response and recovery aspects of the Linn County Comprehensive Emergency Plan and those additional response plans applicable to this disaster emergency and authorizes the use and deployment of all available municipal and county resources, supplies, equipment, and materials as are reasonably necessary to assist in the preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation of this disaster emergency.

SECTION 2. It is hereby ordered that all county and municipal agencies and departments shall utilize such personnel, equipment, and facilities necessary to assist the Linn County Public Health Department and the Linn County Emergency Management Agency in performing any and all activities necessary to prevent, contain, and mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 virus.

SECTION 3. All participating county and municipal agencies and departments will provide assistance to the Linn County Public Health Department and Linn County Emergency Management Agency in a manner consistent with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and pursuant to the Linn County Comprehensive Emergency Plan.

SECTION 4. This state of disaster emergency shall be effective at midnight 03/18/2020 and shall continue until cancelled. The sunset of this declaration will be 6 months from the date of enactment unless sooner terminated or extended in writing.

This Declaration of Disaster Emergency is hereby promulgated for each of the signatory jurisdictions upon the affixed signature or documentation of approval by an authorized jurisdictional official.



County of Linn, Iowa

3-19-2020

Date

City of Alburnett, Iowa

Date

City of Bertram, Iowa

Date

City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Date

City of Central City, Iowa

Date

City of Center Point, Iowa

Date

City of Coggon, Iowa	Date
City of Ely, Iowa	Date
City of Fairfax, Iowa	Date
City of Hiawatha, Iowa	Date
City of Lisbon, Iowa	Date
City of Marion, Iowa	Date
City of Mount Vernon, Iowa	Date
City of Palo, Iowa	Date
City of Prairieburg, Iowa	Date
City of Robins, Iowa	Date
City of Springville, Iowa	Date
City of Walker, Iowa	Date
City of Walford, Iowa	Date