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DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2020, the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has caused, or threatens to cause, injury, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of Tioga County; and

WHEREAS, the Novel Coronavirus is a danger to the health, safety, and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Tioga County, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than Tioga County may be able to resolve; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has declared COVID-19 a “public health emergency of international concern”, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary has declared that COVID-19 creates a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on March 6, 2020, due to COVID-19 under the authority of 35 Pa.C.S. 7101, *et. seq.*, that authorizes the suspension of certain procedures and formalities prescribed by law and urged counties to “act as necessary to meet the current exigencies”; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of the effects of this disaster and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the affected residents of Tioga County.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the undersigned Commissioners of Tioga County, according to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services code (35 Pa.C.S. Section 7501) as amended, do hereby proclaim the existence of an emergency in Tioga County due to COVID-19;

FURTHER, we direct the Chief Clerk and the Tioga County Emergency Management Agency 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 action deemed necessary to respond to the emergency;

FURTHER, the Commissioners hereby create an Advisory Council to advise the Commissioners that will consist of: the Board of Commissioners, Chief Clerk, Public Safety Director, Human Resources, Finance Director, and any additional members as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Commissioners. This Leadership Council shall meet as needed in response to COVID-19 without the need for the formal advertisement of meeting times and locations due to the exigent and evolving circumstances of this disaster.

STILL FURTHER, we authorize officials of Tioga County to act as necessary to meet the current demands of this emergency, namely: the employment of temporary workers; the rental of equipment; the purchase of supplies and materials; and 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 prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.


This declaration shall take effect this 16th day of March, 2020.

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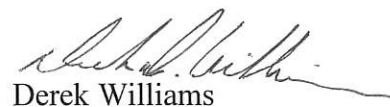

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