

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 01 (2020/21)

Re: **Extending State of Emergency in Sheboygan County**

**Printed as amended*

**WHEREAS, this resolution is intended to support the reopening of businesses, nonprofits, and other facilities that are open to the public, and*

**WHEREAS, this resolution does not reinstate Governor Ever's Safer At Home Order or include any new order or restrictions on individuals, businesses or community activities, and*

**WHEREAS, this resolution supports the County Administrator and county departments in responding to unanticipated surges in COVID-19, if needed, and*

**WHEREAS, this extension of the state of emergency in Sheboygan County is not intended to curtail any business, church or community activity, and*

WHEREAS, in December 2019 a novel strain of the coronavirus now named Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) was detected and has spread throughout many countries including the United States, and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services has declared a Public Health Emergency, and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020 the State of Wisconsin declared the existence of a public health emergency as defined in Wis. Stat. § 323.02(16), and

WHEREAS, the existence of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within Wisconsin, including within Sheboygan County, constitutes a condition within the County posing an imminent threat of a disaster within the meaning of Wis. Stat. ch. 323 that could impair medical care, health protection, and other critical systems of Sheboygan County, and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Sheboygan County Board declared a state of emergency in Sheboygan County for a period of sixty (60) days which will expire on May 16, 2020, and

WHEREAS, as of May 14, 2020, Wisconsin had 11,275 confirmed cases, Sheboygan County had 70 confirmed cases with ten still active, and there were three reported deaths from COVID-19 in Sheboygan County, and

WHEREAS, based on the continued existence of COVID-19 in the County, it remains necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons within Sheboygan County that reasonable and prudent steps be taken to treat those infected with COVID-19 and to prevent, limit, and contain the potential community spread of COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, declaring a state of emergency will facilitate and expedite the use of resources to protect persons from the impacts of the spread of COVID-19 while ensuring continuity of critical operations within Sheboygan County and access to state and federal emergency management funds, and

WHEREAS, the ratification of the Proclamation Declaring State of Emergency extending the state of emergency in Sheboygan County will continue the powers of the County Board Chairperson and County Administrator as set forth in County Code Section 15.13;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sheboygan County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.11, declares a state of emergency now exists within Sheboygan County in light of the continued public health threat posed by COVID-19 **through July 21, 2020**, or until modified by further proclamation or action of the Sheboygan County Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.14(4), the County Administrator shall have authority to make expenditures as necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within the County in a total aggregate amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chairperson and County Administrator shall have all authority as set forth in County Code Section 15.13.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sheboygan County Board of Supervisors acknowledges and supports the "Sheboygan County Safe Restart Recommendations" based on federal and state guidance to slow the spread of COVID-19 and bring back our economy by using data-driven information designed to safely reopen businesses and organizations throughout the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sheboygan County Board of Supervisors supports the issuance of orders from the Local Public Health Officer under Chapter 252 of the Wisconsin Statutes in the event of a surge in cases or other circumstances requiring the exercise of such Chapter 252 authority.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of May, 2020.

Vernon Koch
VERNON KOCH, Chairperson

State of Wisconsin)
) ss:
County of Sheboygan)

I, Jon Dolson, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the office of the County Clerk and that it was adopted by the County Board of Supervisors on this date.

Date: May 19, 2020

Jon Dolson
Jon Dolson, County Clerk

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