

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 17, 2021
RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE
DECLARATION OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE
COUNTY OF EATON

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Barnes.

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the County of Eaton sustained one of the first confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Eaton County continues to assess its local situation status relating to the COVID-19 outbreak. As a result of this ongoing situation, the following conditions exist:

- There is significant monitoring, assessment, and response to the virus outbreak locally, regionally, throughout the State of Michigan, the United States, and in other countries.
- There has been adjustment of policy and procedure for many employees in units of local governmental, businesses, nongovernmental organizations, families, and individuals to include conducting meetings of a public body in a virtual setting in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.
- Strict response and patient care protocols by all hospitals, long-term care facilities, police, fire, and EMS personnel for any interaction with the general public
- Bars and restaurants are operating at a limited capacity per as a part of issued Epidemic Orders.
- Schools in Eaton County have significantly altered their learning service platforms
- A widespread outbreak within Eaton County could hinder and/or cease most daily operations within the entire county and overwhelm essential services.

WHEREAS, a request for a declaration of a Local State of Emergency has been completed for Eaton County to ensure local units of government can continue to meet virtually or that the public can attend an open meeting virtually in compliance with the Open Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, after the signing of the Local State of Emergency declaration by the Chief Elected Official of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners the declaration shall not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of 7 days except with the consent of the governing body of the county.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with Section 10 of 1976 PA 390, as amended, hereby declares that a “state of emergency” exists within our jurisdiction as of March 17, 2021, and that local resources and funding are being utilized to the fullest possible extent. The response and recovery elements of our emergency operations plan have been activated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves renewing the Local State of Emergency every 7 days and will review the renewal on a monthly basis.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.