



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Resolution extending the declaration of emergency due to Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Lake County, Illinois, until the Governor of Illinois lifts the State's declaration of emergency, but no longer than June 28, 2020.

- Lake County has been impacted by COVID-19.
- Lake County must continue to take actions to mitigate the local impact of the expanding global outbreak of COVID-19 to provide for the continuity of government, activation of community mitigation plans, and to allow for expedited response without circumventing constitutional protections for citizens.
- The circumstances surrounding COVID-19 constitute a public health emergency as defined under Section 4 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act. The initial declaration of emergency proclamation was declared by the County Board Chair on March 13, 2020 for a period of seven days.
- The County Board, at a Special Call meeting on March 16, 2020, passed a resolution extending the declaration of emergency proclamation to May 4, 2020.
- The County Board, at a Special Call meeting on May 1, 2020, further extended the declaration of emergency proclamation until May 30, 2020 or until the Governor of Illinois lifted the State's declaration of emergency.
- This resolution further extends the proclamation until the Governor of Illinois lifts the State's declaration of emergency, but no longer than June 28, 2020, and will assist Lake County, by and through its Emergency Management Agency and Health Department, to continue to coordinate county and municipal resources and response activities and suspend certain provisions and procedures for the conduct of county business in an effort to protect the health and safety of persons, and provide emergency assistance pursuant to Illinois law.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, under authority of Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/11, and upon a joint recommendation by the Lake County Department of Health and Lake County Emergency Management Agency, a proclamation was enacted declaring that an emergency exists in Lake County due to the following reasons: more than one Lake County resident has tested positive for COVID-19, and given the potential impact on high-risk populations, it is imperative that all appropriate steps be taken to reduce the rate of transmission; and

WHEREAS, Lake County continues to respond to this situation, and it has activated the Lake County Emergency Operations Plan and Lake County Health Department Emergency Operations Plan by proclaiming that a disaster exists within Lake County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, additional emergency procedures and protocols may need to be implemented to facilitate decision making across the County and allow expedited procurement should it be necessary; and

WHEREAS, the County may require resources from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) and this emergency may exceed the County's available personnel and financial resources, and therefore funding and resources from the State and/or Federal Government may be necessary to mitigate the disaster; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Lake County Code of Ordinances Title III § 32.07, and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/11, a local disaster exists within Lake County, Illinois and it is expected that the conditions will be present for an extended period of time such that it is necessary to continue this proclamation to June 28, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this County Board of Lake County, Illinois hereby approves this resolution to be effective May 29, 2020, extending the Disaster Proclamation until the Governor of Illinois lifts the state's declaration of emergency but no longer than June 28, 2020, unless further extended by the Lake County Board; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Lake County Emergency Operations Plan and Lake County Health Department Emergency Operations Plan will continue to operate pursuant to Illinois law for at least 14 days after the termination of Lake County's Declaration of Emergency in order to continue to address the disaster situation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLED, the County Administrator will report to the County Board at the next Regular or Special Call meeting of the County Board on the status of the Emergency Operations Center to include a timeline for a transition to normal operations within the 14 days after the termination of the Lake County's Declaration of Emergency.

DATED, at WAUKEGAN, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, on this 29th day of May, A.D., 2020.