

RESOLUTION NO. 031920

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG, ADAMS COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, RATIFYING, CONTINUING AND
EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF DISASTER
EMERGENCY ISSUED ON MARCH 16, 2020 BY
PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF
GETTYSBURG.**

WHEREAS, declarations of public health emergencies issued by federal, state and local governments and agencies prompted by the continued spread and resulting health risks of the coronavirus (hereinafter referred to as "COVID-19") have resulted in heightened responses taken by such federal, state and local governments and agencies to contain and mitigate COVID-19 through various measures, including restricting access to public buildings and gathering places, the closing of non-essential businesses, recommending social distancing to avoid infection and quarantine of those infected with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa. C.S.A. § 7501) governing general authority of political subdivisions relative to health and safety, authorizes the governing body of a political subdivision, through its mayor or other chief executive officer, to declare a local disaster emergency subject to ratification by the governing body and subject to the continuation and extension of the local disaster emergency in excess of seven (7) days with the consent of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Theodore H. Streeter, Mayor of the Borough of Gettysburg, issued and proclaimed a Declaration of Disaster Emergency authorizing the taking of all appropriate measures in order to facilitate the Borough's coordination with other agencies and its necessary and appropriate response to the ongoing threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to subsection 7501(b) of the Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa. C.S.A. § 7501(b)), a declaration of a local disaster emergency shall not be continued, extended or renewed for a period in excess of seven (7) days except by or with the consent of the governing body of the political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg, in ratifying, continuing and extending the Declaration of Disaster Emergency, desires to ensure that the Borough of Gettysburg has proper authority to coordinate with other agencies and to implement all possible actions in order to contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 consistent with the actions and recommendations of federal and state governments and

agencies and consistent with the duty of the Borough of Gettysburg to protect the health, safety and welfare of persons within its jurisdiction,

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg, Adams County, Pennsylvania, does hereby ratify, continue and extend the Declaration of Disaster Emergency issued and proclaimed by Mayor Theodore H. Streeter on March 16, 2020 through and continuing until the commencement of business on April 27, 2020. The Declaration of Disaster Emergency issued and proclaimed by Mayor Streeter is incorporated herein by reference.

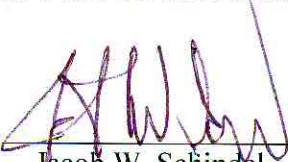
This action is taken under and pursuant to the provisions of section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa. C.S.A. § 7501) governing general authority of political subdivisions relative to health and safety and emergency management services, which authorizes the governing body of a political subdivision, through its mayor or other chief executive officer, to declare a local disaster emergency subject to ratification, continuation and extension by the governing body of the political subdivision.

This action is also taken consistent with and pursuant to the provisions of section 10A06 of the Borough Code (8 Pa. C.S.A. § 10A06) relative to the general powers granted to the mayor of a borough in the event of a state of emergency to issue a proclamation declaring such state of emergency subject to the powers of the borough council to ratify, continue and extend, by resolution, the mayor's declaration of a state of emergency.

THIS RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED according to law on this 19th day of March, 2020, at a duly advertised special meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg, Adams County, Pennsylvania.


BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG

By:



Jacob W. Schindel
President of Borough Council

Attest:



Sara L. Stull, Secretary