

**RESOLUTION NO. 042720-2**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG, ADAMS COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA, CONTINUING AND EXTENDING THE  
COVID-19 DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, declarations of public health emergencies issued by federal, state, county 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, county 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 and non-life-sustaining businesses and recommending social distancing to avoid infection and quarantine of those infected with COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has caused and threatens to cause injury, damage and suffering to the residents of the Borough of Gettysburg and the persons and property within the jurisdictional limits of the Borough of Gettysburg, and it constitutes a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough of Gettysburg; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of COVID-19, continued emergency and management measures and procedures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough of Gettysburg and the persons and property within its jurisdiction; 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 a 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**, consistent with subsection 7501(b) of the Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa. C.S.A. § 7501(b)), which provides that a declaration of a local disaster emergency shall not be continued for a period in excess of seven (7) days except by or with the consent of the governing body of the political subdivision, by



Resolution No. 031920 dated March 19, 2020, the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg ratified, continued and extended the Declaration of Disaster Emergency through April 27, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the continuing global impact of COVID-19 and the resulting actions of federal, state, county and local agencies, the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg, in 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, orders and recommendations of federal, state and county 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 continue and extend the Declaration of Disaster Emergency, originally issued and proclaimed by Mayor Theodore H. Streeter on March 16, 2020, as previously continued and extended by Resolution No. 031920 of the Borough Council, continuing until further action of the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg.

**WHEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Emergency Management Coordinator of the Borough of Gettysburg shall continue to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action required and necessary to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the continuation and restoration of essential public services and to take any other emergency response actions necessary to respond to this COVID-19 disaster emergency.

**WHEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the officials of the Borough of Gettysburg and the Gettysburg Borough COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Task Force shall act and will continue to act as required and necessary to meet the current demands of this COVID-19 disaster emergency, to include, but not limited to: the employment of temporary workers, the purchase or rental of necessary equipment, the purchase of necessary supplies and materials, and to enter into such contracts and agreements for the performance of necessary public work as may be required to meet this COVID-19 disaster emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, but subject, however, to all mandatory requirements of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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, extension and renewal 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 and extend, by resolution, the mayor's declaration of a state of emergency.

**THIS RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED** according to law on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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