

RESOLUTION 2020 – 25

Re: Declaring a State of Emergency in Vilas County

WHEREAS, in December, 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus known as COVID-19 was detected, and COVID-19 has continued to spread throughout the world, including to the United States and the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the federal government, state governments, and local governments are working together to contain the further spread of the disease and treat existing cases; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, and on March 12, 2020 the Governor of the State of Wisconsin declared a Health Emergency in the State; and

WHEREAS, Vilas County has been working to protect the health and well-being of its residents from the spread of COVID-19, and to prepare for the impacts the disease is likely to have on the County; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has determined that it is necessary to make all possible resources and means available to the County in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents from the threat posed by the continued spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Vilas County Board of Supervisors in session this 24th day of March, 2020 that pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.11 the Board finds and declares that an emergency exists within the County by reason of an imminent threat of disaster impairing medical care, health, and other critical systems of the County due to the spread of COVID-19.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that during the period of emergency prescribed by this Resolution, the Board may order, by ordinance or resolution, whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chairperson and the County Administrative Coordinator are hereby authorized and directed by the Board to coordinate and administer the County's emergency management response and to carry out the orders of the Board related thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Head of Emergency Management of the County is authorized and directed to carry out his/her duties under the County's Emergency Management Plan under the supervision and direction of the Vilas County Sheriff and the County Administrative Coordinator and perform such other duties as may be directed by further resolution of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, based upon the information available to the Board and the ongoing threat posed by the spread of COVID-19, the period of emergency shall continue for sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Resolution unless sooner terminated or extended by further resolution of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all actions heretofore taken by the Board and other appropriate public officers and agents of the County with respect to the matters contemplated under this Resolution are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

SUBMITTED BY: Vilas County Supervisor
s/ Ronald De Bruyne