RESOLUTION NO. 85-19

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE DECLARATION
OF A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR FOND DU LAC COUNTY
BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE ALLEN J. BUECHEL

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 U.S. Department of Health & 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, Fond du Lac County (the “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, County Executive Allen J. Buechel 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 residents from the threat posed by the continued spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.11, the Fond du Lac County Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) affirms 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 Executive is 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 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 until such time the threat caused by the spread of COVID-19 no longer exists, 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.

Dated March 17, 2020

FISCAL NOTE: This resolution does not require an appropriation from the county general fund.

APPROVED BY:  
Allen J. Buechel  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED BY:  
Meggin R. McNamara  
CORPORATION COUNSEL

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify this to be a true and exact copy of Resolution No. 85-19.

Ayes 20  Nays 0  Abstained 5  Excused 5  Absent

X Approved and adopted this 17th day of March 2020.

Denied this day of ________________.

Lisa Freiberg  
COUNTY CLERK