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DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

Date: March 17, 2020

WHEREAS, the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Kentucky are responding to the public health threat posed by, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), a respiratory disease which can result in serious illness or death caused by the SAR-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans and easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020 the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear declared a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth of Kentucky on March 6th 2020, in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, President Trump declared a National Emergency on March 13th 2020; and

WHEREAS, there are now a number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the continued planning, preparedness and response effort for this COVID-19 Public Health Emergency are best managed in a coordinated manner pursuant to Oldham County Emergency Operations Plan and Oldham County Health Department Plans; and

WHEREAS, this situation creates a considerable hardship for the citizens of Oldham County; and

WHEREAS, local government has the responsibility to protect the public health, safety, property, and welfare of citizens, and to mitigate the effects of such events.

NOW, THEREFORE, I David Voegele, Oldham County Judge/Executive, by the authority vested in me by KRS 39A.100(2), do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in Oldham County until further notice and direct that:

1. In the absence of Emergency Management Director Gerald Nauert, Deputy Judge Kevin Nuss is appointed Acting EMA Director until his return.
2. The local Emergency Operations Plan shall be fully executed.
3. The EMA Director shall direct the Oldham County EMA to provide such assistance as can be delivered from available local resources and shall coordinate all agencies of local government to provide assistance to Oldham County.
4. All agencies of Oldham County shall cooperate to the fullest extent with Oldham County EMA and shall provide such assistance as may be required for response to this emergency.

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5. Under this State of Emergency, as provided in KRS 39A.100 (2) and 45A.380 (1) (7) Judge/Executive David Voegele can waive procedures and formalities otherwise required by the law pertaining to: a) performance of public work, b) entering into contracts, c) incurring obligations, d) employment of permanent and temporary workers, e) utilization of volunteer workers, f) rental of equipment, and g) appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

SIGNED: 
TITLE: Judge Executive
COUNTY: Oldham County