

**EXTENSION OF
EMMET COUNTY DECLARATION OF A
LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

TO: Deputy State Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security -
Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, Michigan State Police;
District 7 Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division Coordinator

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2020, William L. Shorter, then-Chairperson of the Emmet County Board of Commissioners, declared a Local State of Emergency under the powers and authority of Section 10 of the Emergency Management Act; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the the Emmet County Board of Commissioners held on the same date, the Board of Commissioners consented to the extension of the Declaration of a Local State of Emergency through March 31, 2021 as provided in Section 10 of the Emergency Management Act; and

WHEREAS, the Emmet County Declaration of a Local State of Emergency was placed in writing with a copy of that Declaration attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, that Declaration provided the information regarding the ongoing public health emergency involving the COVICC-19 virus and pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Toni M. Drier, current Chair of the Emmet County Board of Commissioners, now declares a Local State of Emergency under the powers and authority of Section 10 of the Emergency Management Act for the same reasons stated in the Declaration of December 22, 2020 as well as the continuation of the pandemic and limitations on public meetings occurring due to the health risks.

THEREFORE, under the powers and authority of Section 10 of the Emergency Management Act, Toni M. Drier, Chair of the Emmet County Board of Commissioners, by her signature below, declares a Local State of Emergency exists in Emmet County as of this date, and that local resources are being utilized to the fullest extent possible. The response and recovery elements of our emergency operations plan have been activated and are being implemented as necessary.

FURTHER, the Emmet County Board of Commissioners consent to the extension of the Declaration of a Local State of Emergency through June 30, 2021.

Dated: March 18, 2021

Toni M. Drier, Chair
Emmet County Board of Commissioners

ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

YEAS:
NAYS:
ABSENT:

State of Michigan)
County of Emmet)

I, Suzanne R. Kanine, Clerk of the County of Emmet and the Emmet County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Declaration of the Local State of Emergency adopted by the Board at a regular meeting on March 18, 2021.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the County of Emmet on this ____ day of _____, 2021, at Petoskey, Michigan.

Suzanne R. Kanine, County Clerk

EMMET COUNTY DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

TO: Deputy State Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security -
Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, Michigan State Police;
District 7 Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division Coordinator

On December 22, 2020, the County of Emmet is declaring a Local State of Emergency due to the ongoing public health emergency involving the COVID-19 virus and pandemic as follows:

- a. In March 2020, the Governor of the State of Michigan and the President of the United States of America declared a State of Emergency as a result of the COVID-19 virus and its impact on the health, safety and welfare of all people.
- b. As part of a series of Executive Orders entered by the Governor between March and September 2020, numerous procedures were put in place to stem the growing pandemic, such measures including wearing of masks, social distancing, and limitations on the size of in-person gatherings
- c. After the Michigan Supreme Court ruled on October 2, 2020 that the Governor's Executive Orders were no longer in effect, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) have issued Orders requiring or advising of preventative measures to be in place to protect public health, including continued limitations of wearing masks, social distancing, and the size of in-person gatherings.
- d. The effect of limitations on in-person gatherings prevents a public body from holding public meetings as required under the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15,261 et seq.
- e. The Michigan Legislature adopted and the Governor signed PA 228 of 2020 which allows for meetings under the Open Meetings Act to be held remotely or through electronic participation through December 31, 2020 for any reason.
- f. PA 228 of 2020 also allows for a public body to hold a public meeting remotely or through electronic participation upon a Declaration of a State of Emergency by the Governor or a local governing body such as the Board of Commissioners.
- g. As it appears that the current pandemic will not subside by December 31, 2020 and is likely to continue at least through the first quarter of 2021, and that the Governor has not issued a Declaration of a State of Emergency in effect at this

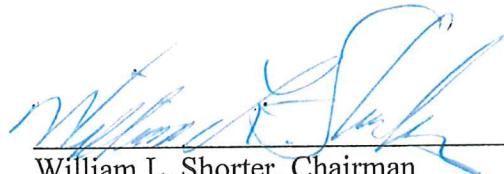
time, it is necessary for the County of Emmet to issue a Declaration of a Local State of Emergency for the protection of the public as holding a public meeting in person is likely to be harmful to the health, safety and welfare of the commissioners, county staff and the public were they required to have an in-person meeting, under the authority granted in Section 10 of the Emergency Management Act, MCL 30.401 et seq.

- h. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to be a health risk to all people as evidenced by the growing numbers of cases reported and deaths attributed to COVID-19 not only in Emmet County, but throughout northern Michigan. The continuation of the growing numbers could overwhelm emergency medical services, hospitals, and medical care facilities.
- i. Holding meetings remotely or through electronic participation will assist in attempts to reduce the risk to the public.

THEREFORE, under the powers and authority of Section 10 of the Emergency Management Act, William L. Shorter, Chairman of the Emmet County Board of Commissioners by his signature below declares a Local State of Emergency exists in Emmet County as of this date, and that local resources are being utilized to the fullest extent possible. The response and recovery elements of our emergency operations plan have been activated and are being implemented as necessary.

FURTHER, the Emmet County Board of Commissioners consent to the extension of the Declaration of a Local State of Emergency through March 31, 2021.

Dated: December 22, 2020



William L. Shorter, Chairman
Emmet County Board of Commissioners

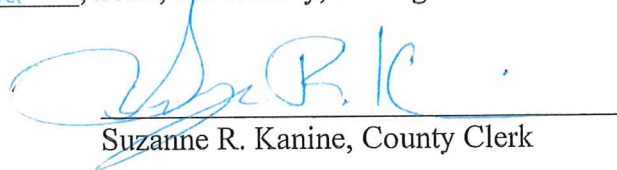
ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

YEAS: *Drier, Ahrens, MacInnis, Shorter, Kargol, White, Lyman*
NAYS: *φ*
ABSENT: *φ*

State of Michigan)
County of Emmet)

I, Suzanne R. Kanine, Clerk of the County of Emmet and the Emmet County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Declaration of the Local State of Emergency adopted by the Board at a regular meeting on December 22, 2020.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the County of Emmet on this 22nd day of December, 2020, at Petoskey, Michigan.


Suzanne R. Kanine, County Clerk