

# CERTIFIED COPY OF ORDER

COURT ORDER # 1769

STATE OF MISSOURI,  
COUNTY OF LAWRENCE

} s.s.

January Term, 2020

In the Lawrence County Commission of said County, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, the following, among other proceedings, were had, viz:

**WHEREAS**, the Lawrence County Commission on this 20th day of March 2020, at a meeting duly called, noticed, and held, considers the matter of declaring a public health emergency to address the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency;

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020 the Governor of Missouri declared a state of emergency exists in the State of Missouri to address the COVID-19 to prevent a substantial risk to public health and safety and on March 15, 2020 the Center for Disease Control and the Governor recommended the cancellation or suspension of public events with more than 50 people; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the President of the United States issued guidelines encouraging the public for the next fifteen days to avoid social gatherings in groups of more than ten people and to avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts and instead, use drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lawrence County Commission has been advised that there have been confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in counties adjoining Lawrence County, Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 can result in mild or severe symptoms with the elderly population and those with serious underlying health conditions being most at risk from COVID-19, which in some cases may be fatal; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is highly contagious, and is spread through close contact between persons and respiratory transmission and poses a serious health risk for Lawrence County residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, any large gathering of persons may accelerate the spread of infection in Lawrence County, Missouri and pose a risk to the health of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued spread of COVID-19 constitutes a natural calamity and presents an imminent threat of wide-spread illness, which requires emergency action; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 192.300 RSMo. and CSR 19-20.050(3), the Lawrence County Commission is authorized to promulgate orders intended to enhance the public health and prevent the entrance of infectious, contagious, communicable, or dangerous diseases, such as COVID-19, into the County, including, among other things, a declaration that a state of emergency exists in Lawrence County, Missouri, that are not otherwise in conflict with rules or regulations authorized and made by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services in accordance with Chapter 192 or by the Department of Social Services under Chapter 198

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on motion duly made and seconded, the question was called and Commissioner Botts voted "yes", Commissioner Selvey voted "yes", and Presiding Commissioner Senninger voted "yes", to adopt an

Order declaring a state of emergency in Lawrence County effective March 20, 2020 to control the spread of COVID-19 to protect the safety and welfare of the citizens of Lawrence County, Missouri.

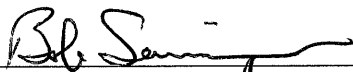
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that due to the unique characteristics and the risks associated with the transmission dynamics of COVID-19, the clinical severity of COVID-19, the lack of vaccine or antivirals as treatment options, the inability to ensure social distancing and to prevent close contact among professional, social, cultural, entertainment, or other special events where people are not separated by physical space of at least four (4') feet, it is hereby declared unlawful for any person to organize or attend an intentional gathering of more than 10 people in a single space or room. All group events or gatherings of more than 10 people in Lawrence County, Missouri are prohibited from taking place during the duration of this Order.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any person who organizes a gathering of 10 or fewer shall take appropriate action to minimize risk to the greatest extent possible by implementing and enforcing mitigation measures, including but not limited to, social distancing, limiting the time period of gatherings, frequent cleaning of all surfaces, and posting of signs.

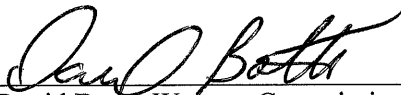
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Order shall not apply to educational institutions, daycare facilities, daily business operations, places of employment, grocery stores, retail stores, or any activity a Court of competent jurisdiction holds cannot constitutionally be closed in these specific circumstances. Daily business operations shall not include the following, which shall be closed to the public during the time this Order is effective: businesses offering entertainment, amusement, and recreation; and bars, taverns, or food establishments offering drinking or dining-in to more than 10 people at once, and except for lawful delivery, pickup, and drive-through services that may be offered by said businesses, bars, taverns, or food establishments.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Lawrence County Health Department may promulgate such mandatory or advisory rules, policies, and guidance as is necessary and appropriate to implement this Order. This Order and mandatory rules and policies so promulgated shall have the force of law to the greatest extent permitted by Federal, State, and County law.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** this state of emergency shall be effective at 1:00 p.m. on March 20, 2020 and shall expire only upon further Order declaring the emergency no longer exists. A copy of this Order shall be filed in the office of the Lawrence County Clerk before 5:00 p.m. this date and copies of said order shall be printed and available for distribution to the public in the Office of the County Clerk and a copy of this Order shall be published in a newspaper in the county for three successive weeks, not later than thirty (30) days after the entry of this Order.



Bob Senninger, Presiding Commissioner



David Botts, Western Commissioner



Tim Selvey, Eastern Commissioner

COUNTY OF LAWRENCE

I, Tammy Riebe, Clerk of the Lawrence County Commission, in and for said County, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true copy of the proceedings of our said Lawrence County Commission, on the day and year 20<sup>th</sup> of March, 2020 above written, as the same appears of record in my office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Lawrence County Commission, at office in Mt. Vernon this, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

By \_\_\_\_\_, D.C.



*Tammy Riebe*  
Clerk, Lawrence County Commission

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of  
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Commission  
made at

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DECLARATION OF STATE  
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CORONAVIRUS