



Kankakee County Sheriff's Police

Michael D. Downey, Sheriff

PROCLAMATION OF A DISASTER IN KANKAKEE COUNTY

WHEREAS, a significant outbreak of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) emerged in China; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people through respiratory transmissions and present with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, certain populations are at higher risk of experiencing more severe illness as a result of COVID-19 including older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, or lung disease; and

WHEREAS, Kankakee County is continuing its efforts to prepare for any eventuality given that this is a novel illness with known health risks to the elderly and those with serious chronic medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, the CDC currently recommends community preparedness and everyday prevention measures be taken by all individuals and families in the United States, including voluntary home isolation when individuals are sick with respiratory symptoms, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue, washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and routinely cleaning frequently touched surfaces and objects to increase community resilience and readiness for responding to an outbreak; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Kankakee County to be prepared to address any disasters and therefore, it is necessary and appropriate to make additional resources within Kankakee County available to ensure that the effects of COVID-19 are mitigated and minimized and that residents and visitors in Kankakee County remain safe and secure; and

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WHEREAS, this proclamation will activate Kankakee County emergency operations plan by proclaiming that a disaster exists within Kankakee County, this proclamation of disaster will assist the residents of Kankakee County, by and through its Emergency Management Agency and through coordination of federal, state, county and municipal resources and response activities, in an effort to prevent and reduce further damage and hazards, protect the health and safety of persons, protect property and provide emergency response;

NOW THEREFORE I, Andrew Wheeler by virtue of the authority vested in me as County Board Chairman of Kankakee County, Illinois, pursuant to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/1, proclaim that a disaster exists within Kankakee County, Illinois.

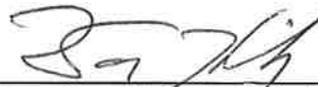
This proclamation is effective on March 19, 2020 and shall continue for a period not to exceed seven days, unless extended by the Kankakee County Board.

Approved:



Andrew Wheeler, Kankakee
County Chairman

Attest:



Dan Hendrickson, Kankakee County
Clerk