

PROCLAMATION OF COUNTY EMERGENCY IN ASHLAND COUNTY

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization designated the 2019 novel Coronavirus outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, and

WHEREAS, the United States Health and Human Services Secretary declared a Public Health Emergency for the entire United States, to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to the 2019 novel Coronavirus "COVID-19", which is contagious, and at times fatal, respiratory disease, and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Wisconsin has declared a public health emergency under Wisconsin Statute 323.10, and

WHEREAS, the County of Ashland is responsible for the well-being of its employees and the public it serves and must undertake efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Ashland County Administrator and Ashland County Board Chair, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §323.11 and 323.14(4)(b) that a local public health emergency now exists throughout Ashland County.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED by the Ashland County Administrator and Ashland County Board Chair that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions and duties of the emergency management organization of this county, shall be those prescribed by state law, and by ordinances and resolutions of this county previously approved by the Ashland County Board of Supervisors.

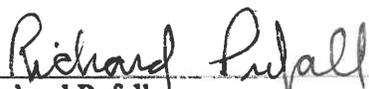
IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that the Ashland County Administrator and Ashland County Board Chair, acting under the powers granted pursuant to Wis. Stat. §323.14(4)(b), for and on behalf of the employees and residents of Ashland County, will do whatever is necessary and expedient to protect the health and well-being of Ashland County, including the issuance of Administrative Orders and other directives as may be required for a period not to exceed four months from the date of this proclamation.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that all boards, committees and/or commissions of Ashland County are authorized to conduct meetings via video conference, telephone, or other similar means to avoid the physical presence of members. The attendance of any members of such board, committee and/or commission via video or telephonic means shall count toward a quorum of such board, committee and/or commission and such member shall have the full authority to engage in discussions and vote as if he or she were personally present at the meeting. This authority shall exist for a period not to exceed four months from the date of this proclamation.

Adopted this 18th day of March, 2020.



Clark Schroeder,
Ashland County Administrator



Richard Pufall,
Ashland County Board of Supervisors