

**Resolution 2020-014**  
**Re: Declaration of a State of Emergency**

**WHEREAS**, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019, commonly known as COVID-19, is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, which is a new strain of coronavirus that has not previously been identified in humans and, according to the Center for Disease Control, can easily spread from person to person; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020 President Donald Trump declared that COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a National Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Waltz declared a peacetime State of Emergency to authorize any and all necessary resources to be used in support of the COVID-19 response; and

**WHEREAS**, preventing the rapid spread of COVID-19 among Harris Township population and its visitors requires swift action by the Harris Town Board; and

**WHEREAS**, subject matter experts have determined that protective measures must be undertaken to reduce the impact of COVID-19 and activity will be beyond the usual resources of Harris Township; and

**WHEREAS**, a local emergency may be declared by the Chair at the Harris Township board pursuant to Minnesota statutes 12.29; and

**WHEREAS**, a declaration of local emergency also involves Harris Township's powers to fast provide emergency pursuant to Minnesota statutes 12.37; and

**WHEREAS**, the Harris Township Board Chair and Supervisors find that the need for extraordinary immediate measures to protect the health safety and welfare of Harris Township residents and its employees will not be resolved in the immediate future; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Harris Town Board, in following the direction of the Itasca County Board of Commissioners, and its Administrator, consents to continuation of the local emergency until the passage of a termination resolution by the Harris Town Board; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Harris Town Board Delegates to the Harris Board Chair, the authority to exercise emergency powers outlined in M.S. 12.37, for the duration of this local emergency; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, all Harris Township ordinances, rules, and policies that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to COVID-19 are suspended for the duration of the local emergency, in the sole discretion of the Harris Town Chair or designee, but any such suspension by the Harris Town Chair or designee shall be timely reported to the Harris Town Board.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Other</u>
Supervisor <del>Ken Haubrich</del>	<u>X</u>	—	—
Supervisor <u>Peggy Clayton</u>	<u>X</u>	—	—
Supervisor <u>Jim Kelly</u>	<u>X</u>	—	—
Supervisor <u>Dennis Krotekass</u>	<u>X</u>	—	—
Supervisor <u>Michael Slack</u>	<u>X</u>	—	—

Adopted this 25th day of March, 2020.

BY THE BOARD

Ken Haubrich  
Ken Haubrich, Chair

Attested by: Peggy Clayton  
Peggy Clayton, Supervisor