

Buffalo County Resolution



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Administration
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RESOLUTION # 20-08-06

A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus known as COVID-19 was detected, and COVID-19 has continued to spread throughout the world, including to the United States and the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Buffalo County declared a local state of emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic for thirty (30) days; and,

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2020, the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors extended the emergency declaration to May 26th, 2020 to mirror the Governor's Safer at Home Order; and,

WHEREAS, the declaration supported the county's efforts to protect the health and safety and welfare of persons and property within the County; and,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic still has not fully abated and continues to pose an imminent threat of disaster within the meaning of Wis. State Chapter 323 that impacts the health, security, and safety of the public and could impair critical systems of Buffalo County and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons within Buffalo County, to continue to take reasonable and prudent steps to treat those infected with COVID-19 and to prevent, limit, and contain the potential community spread of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Wisconsin issued an Executive Order #82 proclaiming a public health emergency and designating the Department of Health Services to take all necessary and appropriate measures to prevent and respond to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors has determined that it is necessary to make all possible resources and means available to the County in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents from the threat posed by the continued spread of COVID-19.

WHEREAS, continuing the local state of emergency will facilitate and expedite the use of resources to protect persons from the impacts of the spread of COVID-19 while maintaining continuity of operations for Buffalo County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.11 the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors extends the local state of emergency declaration within the County by reason of an imminent threat of disaster impairing medical care, health, and other critical systems of the County due to the spread of COVID-19 for an additional sixty (60) days or until October 23, 2020.

Adopted at a duly called and noticed meeting of the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors on the 24th day of August, 2020.


County Clerk

ATTEST:


County Board Chair