



**WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN
A PROCLAMATION**



WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, is a virus that has not previously been detected in humans, and that is spreading throughout the world and has been detected in Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 a pandemic, the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services has declared a Public Health Emergency, and the State of Wisconsin declared a Public Health Emergency pursuant to Wis. Stat. 323.02(16) on March 12, 2020, and President Trump declared a national emergency under the Stafford Act on March 13, 2020;

WHEREAS, given the worldwide response to this health emergency it is necessary for the health, safety, and protection of the people of Washington County, that all necessary steps be taken to reduce the risk of infection and contain the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, declaring a state of emergency in Washington County will facilitate and expedite the use of public resources to combat the spread of COVID-19;

Now, THEREFORE, I Donald A. Kriefall, Washington County Board Chairperson, in accordance with Section 26-11 of the Washington County Code, hereby PROCLAIMS that a state of emergency now exists within Washington County in light of the health risks posed by COVID-19.

DATED this 13th day of March 2020.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Donald Kriefall, Washington County Board Chairman, hereby sign this proclamation and affix the Seal of Washington County on this 13th day of March 2020.



Donald Kriefall, County Board Chairman