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BOONE COUNTY CLERK

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE COUNTY OF BOONE ILLINOIS, A DISASTER AREA
FOR CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE**

WHEREAS, in late 2019, a new and significant outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) emerged; 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 with certain underlying medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19 and no medications approved to treat it; and

WHEREAS, in communities with confirmed COVID-19 cases, the CDC recommends mitigation measures, including practicing social distancing, staying at home when sick, staying home when a household member is sick with respiratory disease symptoms or when instructed to do so by public health officials or a health care provider, and keeping away from others who are sick; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Illinois issued a disaster proclamation as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak in Illinois on March 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency to combat COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the region has seen its first resident test positive for COVID-19 and, given the potential impact on high-risk populations, it is imperative that all appropriate steps be taken to reduce the risk of transmission; and

WHEREAS, Boone County must take action to contain and mitigate the local impact of COVID-19 and can do so through issuance of a local disaster proclamation; and

WHEREAS, Section 11 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/11, empowers the County Board Chairman of Boone County, Illinois, to declare a local disaster; and

WHEREAS, such a proclamation will assist Boone County, by and through its Emergency Management Agency and Health Department, to coordinate county and municipal resources and response activities and to take other actions, as deemed necessary, in an effort to protect the health and safety of the community and provide emergency assistance pursuant to Illinois law; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the circumstances surrounding COVID-19 constitute a public health emergency, as defined under Section 4 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/4; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to make additional Boone County, State of Illinois, and federal resources available to ensure that the effects of COVID-19 are mitigated and

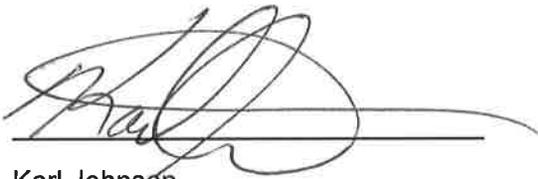
minimized and that the safety and security of residents and visitors in Boone County is protected; and

WHEREAS, declaring that a disaster exists in Boone County will have the effect of activating the Emergency Operations Plan of the County and will authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance to carry out that Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Administrator of Boone County has made the recommendation to the County Board Chairman to enact a Disaster Proclamation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 11 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/11, I hereby proclaim that a local disaster exists within Boone County, Illinois.

This Proclamation shall be effective on March 18, 2020, and shall be given prompt and general publicity and filed with the Clerk of Boone County, Illinois. This Proclamation shall expire in seven (7) days unless terminated sooner by me, in my capacity as principal executive officer of Boone County, Illinois, or unless extended by a vote of the Boone County Board.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karl Johnson', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Karl Johnson

Boone County Board Chairman