

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY  
IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS 2019 EPIDEMIC**

**WHEREAS,** on March 18, 2020, The Board of Commissioner of Lake County Indiana Declared an Emergency exists in Lake County Indiana; and

**WHEREAS** on March 18, 2020, The Board of Commissioner of Lake County Indiana restricted office staff to half days and limited the access to the buildings to employees and essential staff; and

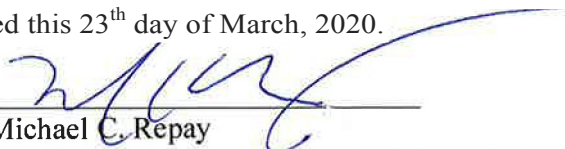
**WHEREAS** on March 23, 2020, The Governor of The State of Indiana ordered that all residents without an “Essential Need” to be outside, stay in their homes; and

**WHEREAS,** in light of the above, it is necessary and proper to take further actions to protect the health, safety and welfare of all Hoosiers in connection with the continuing and evolving threat posed to public health by COVID-19

**NOW THEREFORE,** the Board of Commissioners of Lake County, Indiana declare that the following actions be taken in relation to this ongoing emergency:

1. All Essential Employees of Lake County Government (Sheriff’s Police, Corrections, Clerk’s and 911 Communications staff) are expected to continue their work as usual to ensure the safety of the residents and visitors to Lake County, Indiana. Employees should contact their immediate supervisor with any questions about their specific schedule during this CLOSURE.
2. Beginning March 24, 2020 all Lake County Government buildings, including the buildings in Hammond, Gary and East Chicago, will CLOSE. This closure will remain in effect until April 6, 2020 with normal business hours and operations resuming on April 7, 2020.
3. The duration of this closure is subject to change and residents and employees will be notified.

This Declaration of Emergency is enacted this 23<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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Michael C. Repay  
President, Lake County Board of Commissioners