HALFMOON TOWNSHIP

PROCLAMATION
Resolution # 2020-13
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on the 26th day of March, 2020, the COVID-19 virus threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons of the Halfmoon Township;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus has the potential to endanger the health, safety, and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in the Halfmoon Township, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than the Halfmoon Township may be able to resolve through traditional measures;

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of affected residents and the community at large in the Halfmoon Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned Chairman of the Halfmoon Township Board of Supervisors, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. § 7501, do hereby proclaim the existence of a local disaster emergency in the Halfmoon Township;

FURTHER, We direct the Halfmoon Township Emergency Management Coordinator and response team to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

FURTHER, We direct Administrative Staff of the Halfmoon Township to act to meet the current and ongoing demands of this emergency; namely Halfmoon Township departments may implement emergency assignments without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law, excepting mandatory constitutional requirements, pertaining to the performance of public work, entering into contracts, the incurring of obligations, the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials, the levying of taxes, and the appropriation and expenditure of public funds as such actions are necessary to mitigate this emergency.

FURTHER, We hereby suspend the provisions of any regulatory ordinance prescribing procedures for conduct of Halfmoon Township business, or the orders, rules, and regulations of any Halfmoon Township Department, if strict compliance therewith would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency.

This Proclamation shall take effect immediately and shall be continued for a period not in excess of seven (7) days, unless renewed by or with the consent of the Board of Supervisors of Halfmoon Township.

PROCLAIMED this 26th day of March, 2020.

Chair of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Secretary