

**A DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY  
IN THE VILLAGE OF MINERVA, OHIO**

**Whereas**, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and can be easily spread from person to person; and

**Whereas**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) so far has reported numerous infections and deaths due to the disease; and

**Whereas**, on March 9, 2020 the Ohio Department of Health announced confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the State of Ohio, which number continues to increase; and

**Whereas**, on that same date, Governor DeWine declared a state of emergency for the entire State to protect the well-being of the citizens of Ohio from the dangerous effects of COVID-19, and to assist in protecting the lives, safety and health of the citizens of Ohio; and

**Whereas**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia pursuant to section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act"); and

**Whereas**, State, Territorial, Tribal, Local Government Entities and certain Private Non-Profit (PNP) organizations are eligible to apply for Public Assistance as a result of this Presidential declaration; and

**Whereas**, Governor DeWine and Director Acton have cooperated in issuing a series of declarations and orders limiting the size of gatherings and directing closures, and this continues to be an evolving situation; and

**Whereas**, COVID-19 endangers the lives of the citizens of Minerva, creating an emergency to life and public safety and disrupting commerce.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MINERVA, PHILIP J. TURSKE, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Village Administrator, Philip J. Turske, hereby declares an emergency situation, and hereby invokes those portions of the Ohio Revised Code that are applicable to the emergency and have caused the issuance of this action to be in full force and effect in the Village of Minerva for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection of the lives and property of the people of Minerva and the continuation of local government with a minimum of disruption.

Section 2. Reference is hereby made to all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances, resolutions, and particularly to Section 5502 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. All public employees in the Village of Minerva are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in executions of emergency laws, regulations and directives.

Section 4. This declaration of emergency shall be broadly interpreted to qualify the Village of Minerva for federal, state or private funds, grants, loans or other forms of assistance.

Section 5. All residents and citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and employees executing emergency operational plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful direction of properly identified officers.

Section 6. This State of Emergency will remain in effect until the emergency no longer exists, such time to be determined by the Village Administrator.

  
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Philip J. Turske  
Village Administrator, Minerva, Ohio

4-3-2020  
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