

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers declared a public health emergency to direct all resources needed to respond to and contain COVID-19 in Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Evers designated the Department of Health Services as the lead agency to respond to the emergency and directed the Department to take all necessary and appropriate measures to prevent and respond to incidents of COVID-19 in Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, the Racine County Executive declared an emergency for Racine County in response to COVID-19, the effect of which includes, among other things, vesting certain powers set forth at Sec. 6-116 of the Racine County Code of Ordinances upon the County Executive during the declared statewide or local emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump proclaimed a National Emergency concerning COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, social distancing – the practice of keeping at least six feet apart from others and avoiding direct physical contact – is the most effective means of slowing the rate of infection; and

**WHEREAS**, despite prior emergency orders banning mass gatherings, Governor Evers issued Emergency Order #12 – Safer at Home Order – because the rates of infection continued to drastically increase, necessitating additional measures to slow the rate of infection and save lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, under the authority of Wis. Stat. §§ 323.11 and 323.14 and Secs. 6-115 and 6-116 of the Racine County Code of Ordinances and all powers vested in me through the Racine County Declaration of Emergency and Statewide Executive Order #72, dated March 12, 2020, I, Racine County Executive Jonathan Delagrave, order the following:

1. During this state of emergency, the Racine County Board of Supervisors – including all standing committees – and all Racine County boards, committees, and commissions may conduct meetings through the use of any means of communication by which all of the following occur:

- a. The identity of each participating member may be verified, and the actions of each participating member may be authenticated, in a manner satisfactory to the presiding officer.
- b. During the meeting, all participating members may simultaneously hear or read the comments of each member who is recognized by the presiding officer.
- c. The public may contemporaneously monitor the proceedings of the governing body.
- d. For purposes of determining the presence of a quorum in meetings, any participating member shall be considered present as if the member were physically present at the meeting.
- e. A meeting shall be preceded by the same or substantially equivalent public notice as would be required if the governing body were physically present.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



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Jonathan Delagrave  
Racine County Executive