

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-34**

**RESOLUTION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) DISEASE**

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

**WHEREAS**, in December 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus was detected, now named COVID-19, and it has spread throughout the world, including every state in the United States; and

**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 during the declared statewide or local emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Sec. 6-117(b) of the Racine County Code of Ordinances, the duration of such a state of local emergency shall not exceed thirty (30) days unless it is extended by resolution passed by the Racine County Board of Supervisors; and

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

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 2019-135, the Racine County Board of Supervisors extended the Racine County Emergency Declaration to remain in effect until 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 8, 2020, the Racine County Executive renewed the Racine County Emergency Declaration due to the continuing existence and spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 2020-21, the Racine County Board of Supervisors ratified the renewal of the Racine County Emergency Declaration to remain in effect until 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 8, 2020; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Racine County Emergency Declaration is not connected to the  
5 Safer at Home Emergency Order #12 and Emergency Order #28 issued by DHS  
6 Secretary-designee Andrea Palm; rather, it is necessary to allow County government to  
7 use its full resources to meet community needs during the COVID-19 pandemic and to  
8 position the County to receive needed federal and state assistance.

9 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of  
10 Supervisors that the Racine County Emergency Declaration, dated March 12, 2020, and  
11 extended by Resolution No. 2019-135, and later renewed and ratified by the Racine  
12 County Board of Supervisors by Resolution No. 2020-21, shall remain in effect until 8:00  
13 a.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, or until a superseding order is issued or resolution  
14 extending the duration of the order passed by the Racine County Board of Supervisors,  
15 to protect the health and well-being of residents and visitors in Racine County and to  
16 avail Racine County of all resources needed to respond to and contain the presence of  
17 COVID-19; and

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that  
19 during the existence of said declared emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of  
20 the emergency management organization of Racine County – including, but not limited  
21 to, conferring those powers set forth at Sec. 6-116 – shall be those prescribed by state  
22 law, and by County ordinances and resolutions, and the County Emergency Operations  
23 Plan.

24		Respectfully submitted,
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26	1st Reading	<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>
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28	2nd Reading	_____
29		Thomas E. Roanhouse, Chairman
30	<b>BOARD ACTION</b>	
31	Adopted	_____
32	For	Tom Kramer, Vice Chairman
33	Against	_____
34	Absent	_____
35		Robert N. Miller, Secretary
36	VOTE REQUIRED: Majority	
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38	Prepared by:	Robert D. Grove
39	Corporation Counsel	
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41		Scott Maier
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44		Rusty Russell Clark
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47		Q.A. Shakoor, II

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5 Melissa Kaprelian

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11 Donald J. Trottier

12 **The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of**  
13 **Racine County, Wisconsin, is hereby:**

14 **Approved: \_\_\_\_\_**

15 **Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_**

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17 **Date: \_\_\_\_\_,**

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20 **Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive**