

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-95**

**RESOLUTION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EXTENDING AUTHORIZATION TO THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT UNDER SEC. 6-116(14) AND (15) OF THE RACINE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REQUEST STATE AND FEDERAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND TO ADMINISTER THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT EFFECTIVELY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE EMERGENCY RELIEF IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

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

**WHEREAS**, a novel strain of the coronavirus (COVID-19), remains a concern, not only for Racine County, but for the State of Wisconsin and the nation as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, based on positive cases per 100,000 population, Racine County has been in the “high risk” category since mid-July 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin remains under a declared public health emergency pursuant to Executive Order #95; and

**WHEREAS**, while it is no longer necessary for the emergency management organization of Racine County to have available the broad authorities prescribed by state law and by County ordinances to respond to the health emergency, there remains a need for Racine County to request state and federal assistance and to seek reimbursement for costs incurred related to COVID-19 emergency response efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, it remains further necessary to more effectively limit the spread of COVID-19 for the Racine County Board of Supervisors – including all standing committees – and all Racine County boards, committees, and commissions to continue having the option of conducting meetings remotely pursuant to the March 26, 2020 Administrative Order, where other preventative measures are deemed inadequate based upon the recommendations and guidelines of health authorities; and

**WHEREAS**, Sec. 6-116(14) of the Racine County Code of Ordinances authorizes the Racine County emergency management organization to request federal and state assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, Sec. 6-116(15) of the Racine County Code of Ordinances authorizes the Racine County emergency management organization, under the direction of the Racine County Executive, to administer the county government effectively to meet the needs of the emergency relief; and

**WHEREAS**, the above-referenced authorities are not connected to the Safer at Home Emergency Order #12 and Emergency Order #28 issued by DHS Secretary-designee Andrea Palm, nor do they otherwise invoke the duties, responsibilities, and/or authorities vested upon local health officers to guard against the introduction of – and to control and suppress – communicable diseases under Chapter 252 of the Wisconsin State Statutes; rather, they are necessary to allow County government to use its resources to meet community needs during the COVID-19 pandemic and to position the County to receive needed federal and state assistance; and

4 **WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 2020-41, No. 2020-51, and No. 2020-75, the  
5 Racine County Board of Supervisors authorized the Racine County emergency  
6 management organization under Sec. 6-116(14) and (15) of the Racine County Code of  
7 Ordinances to request state and federal emergency assistance and to administer the  
8 county government effectively to meet the needs of the emergency relief, including the  
9 continuation of the March 26, 2020 Administrative Order.

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11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of  
12 Supervisors that due to the continuing and recently increased threat and impact of  
13 COVID-19, the Racine County emergency management organization is authorized under  
14 Sec. 6-116(14) and (15) of the Racine County Code of Ordinances to continue requesting  
15 state and federal emergency assistance and to administer the county government  
16 effectively to meet the needs of the emergency relief, including the continuation of the  
17 March 26, 2020 Administrative Order; and

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19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that  
20 this resolution shall remain in effect until 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 10, 2021.

21 Respectfully submitted,

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23 1st Reading \_\_\_\_\_

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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25 2nd Reading \_\_\_\_\_

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Thomas E. Roanhouse, Chairman

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27 BOARD ACTION

28 Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

29 For \_\_\_\_\_

30 Against \_\_\_\_\_

31 Absent \_\_\_\_\_

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Tom Kramer, Vice Chairman

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Robert N. Miller, Secretary

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33 VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

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35 Prepared by:  
36 Corporation Counsel

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

5 **Approved: \_\_\_\_\_**

6 **Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_**

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8 **Date: \_\_\_\_\_,**

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**Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive**