

Cumberland County Commissioners

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Pursuant to Section 2.1 of the County of Cumberland Charter and Administrative Regulation #11 Public Health Emergencies: Human Resource Guidelines, the County Manager hereby finds and orders as follows:

WHEREAS, at this time, guidance from the President of the United States, the Governor of State of Maine, and the Center for Disease Control, urge the public to practice social distancing and not attend events where ten or more people will be gathered;

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020 the Governor of the State of Maine declared a Civil State of Emergency related to the spread of novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and since then the Governor has declared multiple orders on how citizens should conduct daily business, with the statewide stay-at-home Order delivered on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, effective 12:01 am April 2, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Town of Brunswick, Town of Cape Elizabeth, Town of Harpswell, City of Portland and City of South Portland, are just a few communities who have declared emergencies;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is easily spread from person to person through close contact, and as of Wednesday, April 1, 2020, Maine CDC has reported 344 COVID-19 cases statewide, with 192 cases being within Cumberland County. Five individuals in Cumberland County have unfortunately passed away;

WHEREAS, the risk of community spread of COVID-19 seriously impacts the life, health and safety of the public, and public health is imperiled by the person to person spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the rapid community spread of COVID-19 to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents of Cumberland County, Maine; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners at their March 9, 2020 Commissioner meeting permitted flexibility within the County's Non-Union Personnel Policy allowing the County Manager and staff the ability to address immediate employee related concerns without the worry of facing barriers and obstacles of current Policy.

Now, Therefore, We, the Commissioners of Cumberland County, pursuant to the authority incumbent upon the Commissioners, do hereby declare, in concert with the President of the United States and Governor of the State of Maine, the existence of a local disaster in the County of Cumberland; and pursuant to the powers vested

through the statutes of the State of Maine, County Charter and County Administrative Regulations, and common law authority to protect the public's health, safety and welfare in the event of an emergency, WE, the Commissioners of County of Cumberland, in consultation with the County Manager, do hereby Order as follows:

As of March 16, 2020, the County Courthouse (County offices side), Jail, Windham Campus, Registry of Deeds, Assessing and the Cross Insurance Arena will be closed to all public, vendor and contractors as a precaution and protection against COVID-19 and our working environments and employees. This closure also includes the Probate Court and Probate's Court Docket, but excludes the District Attorney's Office who will maintain limited public interaction during this time due to court proceedings.

County employees shall be encouraged to telecommute, if able, and offices populated with employees and who do not have the opportunity to work from home, supervisors shall consider alternative schedules in office coverage and service delivery.

The County Manager and Emergency Management Director are directed to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, taking all appropriate actions needed to attempt to mitigate the effects of this pandemic, and to aide in the restoration of essential public services, as to be defined by the Commissioners.

The Commissioners authorize the County Manager to act as necessary to meet the current circumstances of this on-going emergency response: including, but not limited to rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into contracts for services, as needed and determined by the County Manager and County staff.

Lastly, the County Commissioners encourage all towns within the County of Cumberland to take appropriate action, for their respected community, to lessen the impact of COVID-19, attempting to flatten the curve, and to hopefully soon regain normalcy for their community's citizens.

The Emergency Declaration signed on this 1th day of April, in the year 2020, and shall expire 120-days from this date unless otherwise extended by the County Commissioners.

Dated: Wednesday, April 1, 2020