

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-2

CALLERY BOROUGH, BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

**COVID-19 DISASTER EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, on March 6, 2020, the governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania declared the existence of a disaster emergency throughout the commonwealth in order to prepare for and respond to suspected or confirmed cases of a novel coronavirus (now known as COVID-19) and to implement measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 13, 2020, the Federal Government declared a Federal Emergency as a result of the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the governor ordered statewide school closings beginning March 16, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020, the governor ordered all non-life sustaining business in Pennsylvania to close; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020, the governor issued stay-at-home orders for seven of the commonwealth's most populous counties and on March 27, 2020, extended the stay-at-home order to include Butler County; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 7501(b) of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa.C.S. Section 7501(b)), as amended, authorizes municipalities to declare a local disaster emergency upon finding that a disaster has occurred or is imminent; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 10A06(b)(4) of the Borough Code (8 Pa.C.S.A. Section 10A06(b)(4)) provides that if a Borough mayor determines that a state of emergency exists, the mayor may issue a proclamation, which shall be in writing and posted in one or more conspicuous places and the contents of which shall be made available to all news media, declaring a state of emergency for a period not to exceed seven (7) days unless sooner rescinded, modified, ratified or extended by resolution of Borough council; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 2, 2020, the mayor of Borough of Callery signed "Local Emergency Declaration 2020-01" declaring a local emergency in the Borough as a result of the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Borough council agrees with the mayor's Emergency Declaration and finds that emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this global pandemic and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of residents and businesses in Callery Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 709(a) of the Sunshine Act, 65 Pa.C.S. Section 709(a), permits Borough council to hold emergency meetings, without public notice; and

**WHEREAS**, the president of Callery Borough council called an initial emergency meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, April 6, 2020, at the Borough office, without public notice, to extend the deadline of the mayor's Emergency Declaration in an attempt to reduce the severity of this



global pandemic and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of residents and businesses in Callery Borough.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501(b) of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa.C.S. Section 7501(b)), as amended, Callery Borough council declares the existence of a disaster emergency throughout Callery Borough as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**FURTHER,** the president of Borough council or Borough officials, employees and staff designated by the president are hereby directed to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this emergency, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

**FURTHER,** the council president is hereby authorized to act as necessary to meet the exigencies of this emergency, namely; by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance as may be required to meet the emergency, and by incurring obligations and/or expending public funds necessary to emergency management, response, and recovery all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements).

**FURTHER,** the Borough secretary is hereby directed to advertise a brief summary of this Resolution and all subsequent Resolutions continuing, modifying, or terminating this Resolution in the Butler Eagle, each notice to be publish at least one (1) time. Additionally, the secretary shall conspicuously post a copy of this Resolution and all subsequent Resolutions continuing, modifying, or terminating this Resolution at the Borough building and local Post Office.

**STILL FURTHER,** pursuant to the Borough Code, the council president is directed to call a public meeting, as soon as practical under reasonably safe conditions, at which time council will ratify this Resolution.


This Resolution shall take effect immediately and remain in effect for as long as the governor's statewide Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for COVID-19 remains in effect, unless sooner continued, modified, or terminated by resolution of Borough council.

**RESOLVED AND ENACTED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.

**ATTEST:**

**CALLERY BOROUGH  
COUNCIL**

  
Linda Mae Wearing  
Borough Secretary

  
Edward A. Conway  
President

