

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-11

(Duly Adopted: 3/30/20)

**NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS RATIFYING, REAUTHORIZING, AND REISSUING THE
DECLARATION OF A DISASTER EMERGENCY ISSUED BY THE
TOWNSHIP MANAGER IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been declared by the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention a “public health emergency of international concern”; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, the Governor of Pennsylvania declared a state of emergency within Bucks County due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Bucks County declared a state of emergency due to the identification of affected citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has subsequently issued shutdown and shelter in place orders in response to this pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, Eileen M. Bradley, as the Manager and Emergency Management Coordinator of New Britain Township, issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors intends to protect the Township and its residents and businesses through the ratification, reauthorization, and reissuance of this Declaration; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of a significant event which would:

- A. Seriously affect the health, safety, or welfare of a substantial number of citizens of the Township or preclude the operation or use of essential public facilities and services, or
- B. Be of such magnitude or severity as to require state and federal supplementation of regional, county, and municipal resources to alleviate the damage, burdens, or hardships of the public.

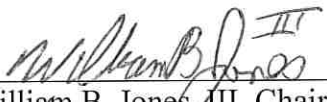
NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of New Britain Township, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501(b) of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35

Pa.C.S.A. §7101 *et seq.*), hereby ratifies, reauthorizes, and reissues the Declaration of Disaster Emergency issued by the Township Manager on March 24, 2020 and declares the existence of a public health local disaster emergency in New Britain Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

FURTHERMORE, the New Britain Township Emergency Management Coordinator is directed to coordinate the activities of the emergency response in coordination with Bucks County emergency management officials, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this public health local disaster emergency.

SO RESOLVED, this 30th day of March, 2020, by the Board of Supervisors of New Britain Township, in lawful session duly assembled.

**NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



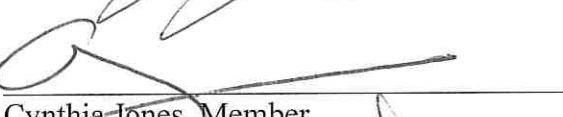
William B. Jones, III, Chairman



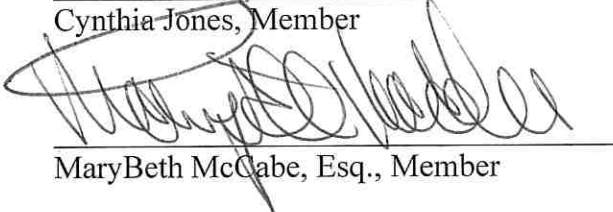
Helen B. Haun, Vice Chair



Gregory T. Hood, Member




Cynthia Jones, Member



MaryBeth McCabe, Esq., Member

ATTEST



Eileen M. Bradley,
Township Manager/Secretary

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Federal, State, and County Governments have already declared disasters concerning the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak; and

WHEREAS, this Pandemic has endangered and will continue to threaten the health, safety, and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in New Britain Township, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than New Britain Township may be able to resolve under normal circumstances; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of affected residents in New Britain Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, as the Manager and Emergency Management Coordinator of New Britain Township, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 Pa.C.S.A. §7101 *et seq.*), as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in New Britain Township.

FURTHERMORE, the Township Emergency Management Coordinator is directed to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

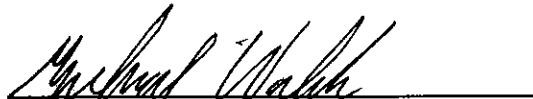
ADDITIONALLY, the appropriate officials of the Township are authorized to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, namely: by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

LASTLY, this Declaration shall take effect immediately and will run no long than seven (7) days, unless reaffirmed, reauthorized, and reissued by resolution of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors.



Eileen M. Bradley
Manager/Emergency Management Coordinator
New Britain Township

ATTEST:



Michael Walsh
Assistant to the Manager

Dated: March 24, 2020