

## **Executive Order 01-2020**

### **Declaration of State of Emergency**

**Whereas**, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), beginning January 27, 2020; and

**Whereas**, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and was caused by SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person-to-person; and

**Whereas**, due to confirmed COVID-19 cases in Kentucky, on March 6, 2020, Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear declared a state-wide state of emergency; and

**Whereas**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the U.S. as “high” and is advising person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally; and

**Whereas**, the planning and preparedness of state and local agencies for a COVID-19 public health emergency in Kentucky and Daviess County is of concern to all our citizens; and

**Whereas**, the Green River Health Department has specially trained personnel and resources to assist the state and local authorities in the protection of life, public health, and safety through a coordinated response to this emergency; and

**Whereas**, it is both appropriate and desirable to coordinate with federal, state, and local agencies to attain the maximum effective response to the circumstances described herein; and

**Whereas**, subject to orders of Governor Andy Beshear, I do hereby order and direct all Daviess County divisions and departments to coordinate and cooperate with Green River Health Department, and state and federal agencies to respond to the public health threat posed by COVID-19 by exercising the powers described in KRS Chapter 39A and to provide information to individuals, businesses, organizations, and other entities regarding how they can best prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 State of Emergency declared herein; and

**Now, therefore**, I, Daviess County Judge/Executive Al Mattingly, in consultation with Owensboro Mayor Tom Watson and Whitesville Mayor Patsy Mayfield, by virtue of the authority vested in me by KRS Chapter 39A, declare that a State of Emergency exists in Daviess County, Kentucky, including the Cities of Owensboro and Whitesville, and that I shall exercise the authority granted to me through the issuance of Executive Orders and through use and direction of county personnel, services, and equipment, and additional acts necessary to the management of this emergency; and

**Furthermore**, until the issuance of an Executive Order lifting this State of Emergency Declaration, Executive Order 01-2020 shall remain in effect.

Signed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.



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Al Mattingly  
Daviess County Judge/Executive