PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on or about March 15, 2020, Coronavirus COVID-19 has caused or threatens to cause injury, damage and suffering to the persons and property of Pennsbury Township;

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus COVID-19 has endangered the health, safety and welfare of persons residing in Pennsbury Township, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than Pennsbury Township may be able to resolve; 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 Pennsbury Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 PA C.S. §7501), as amended, do hereby proclaim the existence of a disaster emergency in Pennsbury Township.

FURTHER, I direct the Pennsbury Township Emergency Management Coordinator 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.

STILL FURTHER, I authorize officials of Pennsbury Township to act as necessary to meet the current demands 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.

This Declaration shall take effect immediately upon signing and may be continued beyond the initial seven day period from the date of the Declaration upon the consent of the Board of Supervisors. This Declaration, and any extension thereof, shall be ratified by the Board of Supervisors at a later date.

ATTEST

CHAIRMAN OF PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Wendell Fenton, Chairman