

**ADAMS COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND COUNTY COUNCIL  
Joint Resolution 2020 - 11**

**SHORT TITLE: A JOINT RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF ADAMS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES FOLLOWING THE ISSUE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-26 ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF INDIANA PROVIDING FOR THE REOPENING OF INDIANA BUSINESSES AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES**

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, in response to COVID – 19, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern;

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, in response to COVID – 19, the Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the United States;

**WHEREAS**, on March 6, 2020, in response to COVID – 19, the Governor of the State of Indiana, pursuant to Ind. Code §10-7-3 et. seq. declared a public health disaster emergency exists in Indiana under Executive Order 20-02;

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020, the Governor of the State of Indiana, issued Executive Order 20-08, Directive for Hoosiers to Stay at Home, which specifically states, “. . . all individuals currently living in the State of Indiana are ordered to stay home or their place of residence, except as allowed in this Executive Order [20-08]” (hereinafter referred to as “Executive Order 20-08”);

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners and the County Council, County of Adams, State of Indiana, in response to the COVID – 19 pandemic and the Indiana Governor’s Executive Order 20-08 adopted Resolution 2020-4 designating essential governmental functions and procedures for Adams County on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners and the County Council, County of Adams, State of Indiana, in response to the COVID – 19 pandemic and the Indiana Governor’s Executive Order 20-08 adopted Resolution 2020-6 designating essential governmental functions and procedures for Adams County on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners and the County Council, County of Adams, State of Indiana, in response to the COVID – 19 pandemic and the Indiana Governor’s Executive Order 20-08 adopted Resolution 2020-9 designating essential governmental functions and procedures for Adams County on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Adams County Resolution 2020-9 expired at midnight on May 1st, 2020 unless extended or modified by Adams County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Indiana issued Executive Order 20-17 on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 extending the emergency declaration in the State of Indiana and continuing the effective date of prior executive orders including the provisions of Executive Order 20-08; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Indiana issued Executive Order 20-26 on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 providing for a phased-in reopening of the Indiana economy while continuing to maintain reasonable measures to protect citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Adams County Board of Commissioners and Adams County Council desire to cease the temporary emergency procedures and resume the regular operation of local government functions as provided for herein.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners and the County Council, County of Adams, State of Indiana, hereby enacts this Joint Resolution No. 2020-11 and, that:

Section 1. Background. The Governor of the State of Indiana has now issued a phased-in plan for the full reopening of the State's economy and cessation of the previously issued stay-at-home orders. Said Order explicitly provides that the governing body of local units shall determine how and when to reopen and provide services to the public. Accordingly, the Adams County Board of Commissioners and the Adams County Council herein set forth the provisions for said reopening of Adams County Government.

Section 2. Necessary Governmental Functions for Adams County. Pursuant to this Joint Resolution, all county offices shall resume their regular staffing capacity – either on-site or remotely - and operate during normal business hours effective May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. County office building will have limited public occupancy.

Section 3. Safeguards and Precautions. All county governmental operations shall adhere to the safeguards as to employee health screening, “social distancing,” and hygiene and sanitation measures as detailed in Sections 4 and 5 of Executive Order 20-26.

Section 4. COVID-19 Paid Leave. Individual employees who qualify for Emergency Family Medical Leave pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid and Economic Relief Stimulus Act (CARES) and have applied for and been granted said leave shall be compensated in accordance with the provisions set forth in said Act.

Section 5. Essential Travel Related to Essential Governmental Functions in Adams County. County employees shall be permitted to travel to and from work, under Executive Order 20-26, as their employment is in furtherance of necessary governmental operations as defined by Executive Order 20-26.

Section 6. Tracking of Down Time and Time Off. Department heads and elected officials shall continue to keep track of all time and hours that employees are absent from work due to COVID-19 related illness or necessity as defined by the CARES Act.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Joint Resolution 2020-10 shall go into effect beginning on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. and will remain in effect until May 23, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. or unless otherwise modified by the Adams County Board of Commissioners and/or Adams County Council.

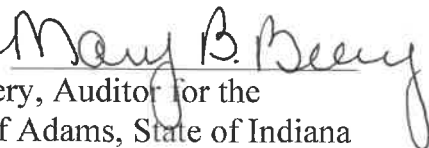
**ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners and the County Council, County of Adams, State of Indiana, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

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