



RESOLUTION # 60-3/20

**TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

ITEM # 3-14

BOARD ACTION

Adopted:
For: 23
Against:
Abstain:
Abs/Excd: 6
Vote Req:
Other Action:

RE: EMERGENCY DECLARATION RELATED TO THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 VIRUS

WHEREAS, in December, 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus known as COVID-19 was detected, and COVID-19 has continued to spread throughout the world, including to the United States and the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the federal government, state governments, and local governments are working together to contain the further spread of the disease and treat existing cases; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, and on March 12, 2020 the Governor of the State of Wisconsin declared a Health Emergency in the State; and

WHEREAS, La Crosse County (the "County") has been working to protect the health and well-being of its residents from the spread of COVID-19, and to prepare for the impacts the disease is likely to have on the County; and

WHEREAS, the County Board (the "Board") has determined that it is necessary to make all possible resources and means available to the County in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents from the threat posed by the continued spread of COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.11 the Board finds and declares that an emergency exists within the County by reason of an imminent threat of disaster impairing medical care, health, and other critical systems of the County due to the spread of COVID-19; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the period of emergency prescribed by this Resolution, the Board may order, by ordinance or resolution, whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within the County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator or designee is hereby authorized and directed by the Board to coordinate and administer the County's emergency management response and to carry out the orders of the Board related thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Emergency Management Coordinator of the County is authorized and directed to carry out the duties under the County's Emergency Management Plan under the supervision and direction of the County Administrator or designee and perform such other duties as may be directed by further resolution of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that General Code of La Crosse County Ordinances 2.02(5) and 2.03(4)(a) are hereby modified during the period of emergency and the County Supervisors are hereby authorized to attend meetings of the Board remotely, and the Board shall take all actions necessary to effectuate the same in compliance with all other applicable laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, based upon the information available to the Board and the ongoing threat posed by the spread of COVID-19, the period of emergency shall continue for one hundred and twenty (120) days from the effective date of this Resolution unless sooner terminated or extended by further resolution of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as per Wisconsin Statute 252, the La Crosse County Health Director has the power to do what is reasonable and necessary for the prevention and suppression of the disease. This can include forbidding public gatherings when deemed necessary to control outbreaks and epidemics.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all actions heretofore taken by the Board and other appropriate public officers and agents of the County with respect to the matters contemplated under this Resolution are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

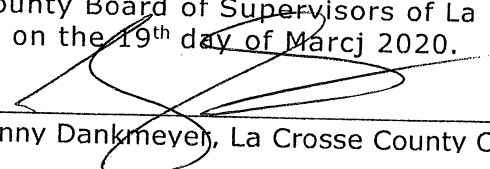
FISCAL NOTE: The fiscal impact of this resolution is unknown at this time.

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.	<u>JK</u>	_____	_____	Requested By: Tara Johnson
Fin. Director	_____	_____	_____	Date Requested: March 17, 2020
Corp. Counsel	_____	_____	_____	Drafted By: Corporation Counsel
Board Chair	_____	_____	_____	

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 19 Day of March, 2020

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 19th day of March 2020.



Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk