

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization officially declared a pandemic due to the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Missouri Governor Mike Parson signed Executive Order 20-02 declaring a state of emergency in Missouri in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020 the Ray County Commission issued an executive order declaring a state of emergency in Ray County Missouri in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 can result in mild or severe symptoms, is highly contagious, and is spread through close contact between persons and respiratory transmission; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a serious health risk for residents of the City of Richmond, Missouri ("City"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City's Emergency Operations Plan, the Mayor is authorized to declare a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to promulgate emergency regulations necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of residents and employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael K. Wright, Mayor of the City of Richmond, Missouri, in accordance with Chapter 230 of the Richmond Municipal Code and the Emergency Operations Plan do hereby declare an Emergency and authorize all City officials and employees to carry out the provisions of the Municipal Code relating to such emergency; and

I FURTHER, call upon and direct the citizens of the City of Richmond to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials in executing emergency operations plans and to comply with the lawful directives of properly authorized and identified public officials.

Signed this 24th Day of March, in the Year Two Thousand and Twenty.




Michael K. Wright, Mayor