DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, it is determined that COVID-19, which has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization, and a public health emergency by the U.S. Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf, is of serious concern to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Allegheny County Health Department requiring action on behalf of the county and, therefore, constitutes an emergency for procurement purposes pursuant to section 5-903.05 of the Allegheny County Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, more specifically, as there is no vaccine for COVID-19 and reported incidents of this disease are increasing, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and elsewhere, there are no predictions for when the spread of this virus will peak; the COVID 19 coronavirus constitutes a present, immediate and existing emergency which could not have reasonably been foreseen; and

WHEREAS, for this reason, the existence of COVID-19 is found to be an emergency such that, to the extent required, normal procurement procedures are waived for those products and services that are found to be necessary; bids may be solicited by telephone or other means from known suppliers, as is practical under the circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this Declaration of Emergency shall take effect immediately and shall continue until terminated in writing.

Rich Fitzgerald, County Executive
Date: 3/12/20