



Houghton County, Michigan Declaration of a Local "State of Emergency"

To: Commanding Officer – Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, Michigan State Police; District 8 Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division Coordinator

As of March 18, 2020, the County of Houghton is experiencing significant hardship due to the corona virus (COVID-19) pandemic. The Governor of Michigan has declared a State of Emergency, and the President of the United States has declared a National State of Emergency. As a result of the current situation, the following conditions exist:

- The county and its sub entities are experiencing difficulty in obtaining the proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for responders, law enforcement personnel, and others that must work with members of the public who may be ill.
- The economic impact of the (including but not limited to) closure of many local hospitality businesses (restaurants, bars, gyms, and other recreational facilities), schools, universities has begun and will continue to have a significant impact to the local economy and the citizens of Houghton County for years to come.

Therefore, as Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners of Houghton County, in accordance with Section 10 of 1976 PA 390, as amended, I hereby declare that a "state of emergency" exists within our jurisdiction as of March 18, 2020, that the response and recovery elements of our emergency operations plan have been activated, and that local resources are being utilized to the fullest possible extent. This declaration will remain active for 7 days unless terminated by the Board of Commissioners.

Authorized by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Albert Koskela", is written over a white background.

Albert Koskela,
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Date:

18 MAR 2020

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