

**Resolution authorizing actions to be taken to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Franklin County from the effects of Coronavirus Disease 2019.
(Commissioners)**

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, which is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus that is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2020-01D was signed declaring a state of emergency for the state of Ohio to protect the well-being of the residents of Ohio from the dangerous effects of COVID-19 by authorizing previously alerted state departments and agencies to prepare to respond to this public health emergency as needed; and

WHEREAS, division (J) of section 305.30 of the Revised Code authorizes the County Administrator to perform any or all functions conferred or incumbent upon the Board of Commissioners in the case of a disaster or emergency, provided that the Board, by resolution, has delegated the functions to the administrator; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1254-99 authorizes the County Administrator to carry out various functions conferred upon the Board of Commissioners in a disaster or emergency situation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the County, in consultation with Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security and Franklin County Public Health, to take the necessary actions before cases are identified in our area to prevent COVID-19 from spreading; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

1. That pursuant to section 5502.21 of the Revised Code and Executive Order 2020-01D, an emergency exists related to COVID-19 that requires actions to be taken to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Franklin County.

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2. That the County Administrator is hereby authorized to:
 - a. Utilize all necessary resources and personnel of the Board of Commissioners to respond to this emergency pursuant to Resolution No. 1254-99.
 - b. Exempt from the competitive bidding process purchases related to the emergency that are greater than \$50,000 but less than \$100,000, so long as no fewer than three informal estimates are obtained.
 - c. Take those actions that are necessary and appropriate, including the delegation of administrative and ministerial functions among responsible staff to assure proper implementation in exercising this authority.
 - d. Report to the Board of Commissioners on any actions taken pursuant to this resolution.
3. That the attached purchase order in the amount of \$100,000 that is individually described on the accompanying Purchase Order Proof List is hereby approved.

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