

**JOINT LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION**  
**FOR THE CITY OF EVANSVILLE AND**  
**VANDERBURGH COUNTY, INDIANA**

Dated: March 16, 2020

**WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus 2019 ("COVID-19") is a severe respiratory illness that was first detected in the City of Wuhan, Hubei Province, China; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a rapidly spreading virus that is transmitted from human to human and results in symptoms ranging from fever, cough, acute respiratory distress, pneumonia and even death; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 6, 2020, the Governor the State of Indiana declared a public health emergency for COVID-19 pursuant to Executive Order 20-02; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Health Officer of Vanderburgh County, Indiana, Dr. Kenneth Spear, has requested the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County to declare a local emergency as a result of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County, Indiana have been or are immediately threatened by COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Indiana has issued additional directives with respect to COVID-19 which supplements Executive Order 20-02; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Evansville and the Vanderburgh County Commissioners desire to do as much as possible to help flatten the curve of the spread of COVID-19 and, in an abundance of caution, desire to support the actions taken by the Governor of the State of Indiana and to issue additional directives concerning specific governmental operations of the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County, Indiana.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Mayor of the City of Evansville and the Vanderburgh County Board of Commissioners, declare that a state of emergency exists in the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County and that we hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Indiana Code which are applicable to the conditions that have caused the issuance of this proclamation, to be in full force and effect in the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County, Indiana for the exercise of all emergency authority for the protection of the lives and property of the people of the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County and the restoration of local government with a minimum of interruption.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. All public offices and employees of the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County, Indiana are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence and discharge of duties

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required of them for the duration of the emergency and the execution of emergency laws, regulations and directives – state and local.

2. All citizens of the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures to cooperate with public officials and disaster service forces and execute emergency operation plans and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers.

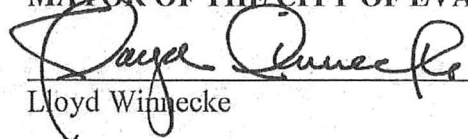
3. From and after 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2020, there shall be no public access to the administration building of the Civic Center during the pendency of this proclamation.

4. The following City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County facilities shall be closed during the pendency of this Proclamation:

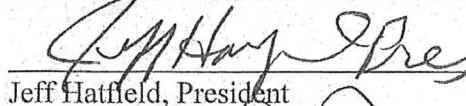
- a. Old National Events Plaza;
- b. The Discovery Lodge at Burdette;
- c. The Old County Courthouse;
- d. Swonder Ice Rink;
- e. Mesker Park Zoo and Botanical Garden;
- f. Lloyd Pool; and
- g. Wesselman Woods Nature Center.

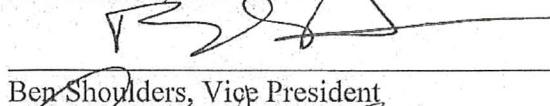
5. This Proclamation shall remain in full force and effect for a period of seven (7) days, expiring at midnight on March 23, 2020 subject to extension by the undersigned.

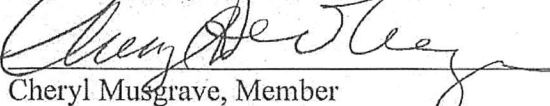
**MAYOR OF THE CITY OF EVANSVILLE**

  
Lloyd Winnecke

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COMMISSION**

  
Jeff Hatfield, President

  
Ben Shoulders, Vice President

  
Cheryl Musgrave, Member