



**ILENE
SHAPIRO**
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR SUMMIT COUNTY

WHEREAS, on this 13th day of March 2020, the life, safety and welfare of the residents of Summit County may be at risk due to the infectious respiratory disease identified as the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19); and,

WHEREAS, COVID-19 presents a threat to our community, as individuals in Northeast Ohio have been positively diagnosed with the disease. The danger of serious illness exists, primarily for elderly and the immunocompromised population. Additionally, the collateral effects of the disease present serious financial concerns for businesses; and,

WHEREAS, local resources in the area affected by these events have been or are likely to be exhausted and capabilities exceeded; and,

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed Executive Order 2020-01D, declaring a State of Emergency in Ohio to protect the well-being of Ohioans from the dangerous effects of COVID-19. The Ohio State of Emergency allows state departments and agencies to better coordinate in their response and the County of Summit must also engage in that effort.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ilene Shapiro, County Executive of Summit County, Ohio, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Charter of Summit County, and the laws of the State of Ohio and Summit County, and by virtue of the Ohio Emergency Management Act, do hereby order and declare a Public Health Emergency within the County of Summit.

I further order and declare that all departments and agencies, charged with response activities under the Summit County Emergency Operations Plan, are hereby directed to take appropriate actions, in the best interest of Summit County residents until the conclusion of this emergency and pursuant to the Ohio Emergency Management Act.

I further order and declare that all available emergency relief efforts be coordinated through the Summit County Emergency Operation Center to provide appropriate assistance and coordination for required emergency measures to save lives and ensure the public health and safety in the County of Summit.


Ilene Shapiro, Executive, County of Summit

3/13/20
Date