

**BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
CAPE MAY COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION**

No. 215-20

**RESOLUTION DECLARING COVID-19 A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
IN CAPE MAY COUNTY AND URGING THE IMMEDIATE
IMPLEMENTATION OF PREVENTATIVE MEASURES**

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health declared a public health emergency for the United States in order to aid in preventing the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the State of New Jersey declared a Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency due to the danger to public health caused by COVID-19 and its rapid spread through New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and New York; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, which means it is an epidemic that has spread over several countries or continents and affects a large percent of the population; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, as the rates of infection continued to rise in many locations around the world and across the United States, President Donald J. Trump declared a National Emergency concerning the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cape May has been working closely with the Center for Disease Control (CDC), State agencies, municipalities and healthcare facilities to monitor, plan for and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within the County; and

WHEREAS, in light of the above, the general lack of compliance with CDC recommendations, including the critical need for "social distancing," the sudden and immense influx of visitors to Cape May County following these declarations as well as the alarming levels of spread and severity, the Board of Chosen Freeholders has determined it in the best interests of the public health and welfare of residents and visitors of Cape May County to take further preventative measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and for the protection of the health and welfare of County residents, the Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby declares:

1. COVID-19 presents a health emergency to the residents and visitors of the County of Cape May;
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2. It is recommended and requested that all businesses engaged in the public gathering of more than ten (10) persons or a cluster of the same amount (including, but not limited to, dine-in restaurants, bars and other facilities) should cease operations immediately for a minimum of two (2) weeks;
3. It is recommended and requested that all businesses support the practice of staff members working remotely whenever and wherever possible and practicable;
4. It is recommended and requested that all businesses implement and strictly adhere to the CDC Guidelines for stringent workplace sanitizing and disinfecting, "social distancing" and, to every extent possible, limiting public interactions within confined spaces;
5. The Board of Chosen Freeholders supports municipalities within the County implementing its Continuity of Government/Continuity of Operations Plan;
6. The County Health Officer, Director of Emergency Management and all County departments shall take all reasonable measures to protect the health and safety of our residents and visitors;
7. The County Health Officer, Director of Emergency Management and all County departments shall work collaboratively to determine and execute effective protocols and procedures to prevent, mitigate and combat the spread of COVID-19;
8. The Board of Chosen Freeholders fully supports the actions of the County Health Department, County Office of Emergency Management, Cape Regional Health System and the County's sixteen (16) municipalities in immediately implementing all measures reasonable and necessary to protect the residents and visitors within our community; and
9. The recitals set forth above in the preamble are incorporated herein as if fully set forth verbatim.

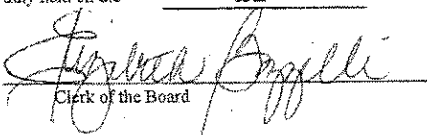
STATEMENT

This Resolution declares a public health emergency in Cape May County and urges the public and private business to immediately implement preventative measures for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of our residents and visitors.

cc: Kevin Thomas, Director of Health
 Martin Pagliughi, Director of Emergency Management
 Diane Wieland, Director of Tourism
 Sara Maloney, Director of Personnel
 Jeffrey Lindsay, County Counsel

STATE OF NEW JERSEY) ss.:
 COUNTY OF CAPE MAY)

I, Elizabeth Bozzelli, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a meeting duly held on the _____ day of _____ 2020

Signed, 
 Clerk of the Board

Freeholders	RECORD OF VOTE					
	Ayes	Nayes	Abstain	Absent	Moved	Second
Mr. Desiderio	✓					
Ms. Hayes	✓					
Mr. Morey	✓					✓
Mr. Pierson	✓				✓	
Mr. Thornton	✓					

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