MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on or about March 16, 2020 a pandemic emergency, so identified by the Federal Government threatens to cause injury, damage and suffering to persons and property of Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, this emergency has the potential to endanger the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons in Monroe County and threatens to create problems greater in scope than Monroe County may be able to resolve; and

WHEREAS, emergency management services are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents on Monroe County.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Commissioners of Monroe County, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 PA CS), as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in Monroe County
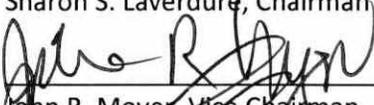
FURTHER, we direct the Monroe County Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of the disaster, to aid in restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

STILL FURTHER, we authorize the appropriate officials of Monroe County to act as necessary to meet current exigencies of this emergency, namely: by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials,, and by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

THIS DECLARATION WILL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:

Date: 3/18/20

Sharon S. Laverdure, Chairman

John R. Moyer, Vice Chairman

John D. Christy, Commissioner