

## DECLARATION OF A LOCAL, STATE OF EMERGENCY

### NELSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

WHEREAS, beginning on March 13, 2020 in preparedness and response of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Nelson County Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, this situation creates a considerable hardship for individuals in Nelson County; and

WHEREAS, local government has the responsibility to protect the public health, safety and welfare and to mitigate the effects of such events.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Dean Watts, Nelson County Judge Executive, by the authority vested in me by Chapter 39A. 100(2) of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, declares that a State of Emergency exists in Nelson County, Kentucky for an undetermined period, and direct that:

1. The Emergency Management Director shall direct the Emergency Management organization to provide such assistance as can be delivered from available local resources and shall coordinate all agencies of local government to provide assistance to Nelson County.
2. All agencies of Nelson County shall cooperate to the fullest extent with the Director of Emergency Management and shall provide such assistance as may be required for response to this emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dean Watts, Judge Executive of Nelson County, Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Chapter 39A of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, declare that a State of Emergency exists in Nelson County, and that I shall be exercising the authority to waive procedures and formalities otherwise required by the law pertaining to the use and direction of County personnel, services and equipment, and additional acts necessary to the management of this emergency. Subject to any orders of Governor Andy Beshear, I do hereby order and direct all divisions and departments of Nelson County Government to coordinate and cooperate with the Lincoln Trail Health Department, the Commonwealth of Kentucky and any federal agencies to respond to the public health threat posed by COVID-19 by exercising the powers described in KRS Chapter 39A and to provide information to individuals, business, organizations and other entities regarding how they can best prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 State of Emergency declared herein.

  
3-13-20

Dean Watts  
Nelson County Judge Executive