



RESOLUTION # 20-09  
**Declaring a Public Health Emergency and Providing  
 County Administration Emergency Administrative Flexibility for COVID-19**

**RUSK COUNTY**

ROLL CALL Board Members	AYE (Yes)	NAY (No)	Abstain / Excused
1. TERRY DUSELL			
2. JERRY BILLER			
3. ALAN RATHSACK			
4. TONY HAUSER			
5. KATHY VACHO			
6. ROBERT STOUT			
7. RANDY TATUR			
8. LYLE LIEFFRING			
9. BILL MCBAIN			
10. KEN PEDERSEN			
11. PHIL SCHNEIDER			
12. ROGER GIERKE			
13. MARK SCHMITT			
14. LISA DOBROWOLSKI			
15. TOM HANSON			
16. KATHY MAI			
17. DAVE WILLINGHAM			
18. MICHAEL HRABAN			
19. KEN BROWN			
TOTAL			

**BOARD ACTION**

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve      Adopted

1st \_\_\_\_\_      Defeated

2nd \_\_\_\_\_

No: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ Exc: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_, Finance Director

**FISCAL IMPACT:** (Note if there is any fiscal impact or not)

**Certification:**

I, Loren Beebe, Clerk of Rusk County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors.

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 Loren Beebe  
 County Clerk, Rusk County

TO THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1    **WHEREAS**, the United States is experiencing an expanding COVID-19 pandemic; and

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3    **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin has had confirmed cases of COVID-19 and has declared a State

4    of Emergency; and

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6    **WHEREAS**, Wis Stat. 323.11 allows Rusk County by ordinance or resolution to declare

7    an emergency within Rusk County; and

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9    **WHEREAS**, Rusk County desires to be as strategic as possible to ensure the health and

10   safety of Rusk County staff, residents and those traveling throughout Rusk County; and

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12   **WHEREAS**, Rusk County desires to maintain the highest level of services related to the

13   general public, such as Public Safety, Health and Human Services, Emergency

14   Management and those departments directly related to the general welfare of all

15   residents; and

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17   **WHEREAS**, Rusk County desires flexibility to manage operations throughout this

18   epidemic; and

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20   **WHEREAS**, Rusk County is providing administrative flexibility to allow the

21   Administrative Coordinator, in consultation with Public Health and the County Board

22   Chair, the ability to, but not limited to: Close Rusk County government buildings as

23   necessary; and

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25   **WHEREAS**, the Administrative Coordinator and County Board Chair shall, within

26   reasonable time, but no later than 24 hours after implementing necessary decisions,

27   inform the Rusk County Board of Supervisors of the situation at hand by email and/or

28   phone; and

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30   **WHEREAS**, during the period of this public health emergency a meeting of the County

31   Board or it's Committees may be necessary and an in-person attendance may not meet

32   health and safety objectives; and

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34   **WHEREAS**, the Supervisors shall discuss such decision(s) as a County Board monthly

35   so long as this resolution is in effect.

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37   **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors

38   does hereby proclaim that a public health emergency does exist in Rusk County under

39   Wis. Stat. 323.11 and acknowledge, accept, support, and direct the Administrative

40   Coordinator and County Board Chair to strategically implement necessary plans to ensure

41   the safety and health of the Rusk County staff, residents and those traveling throughout

42   the county; and

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44   **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that during the period of this public health emergency

45   if a meeting of the County Board is necessary attendance be allowed telephonically; and

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47   **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution will remain in effect until

48   rescinded by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors.

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**SUBMITTED BY:**

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 Chairman, Dave Willingham