

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-01

STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 President Donald J. Trump declared a national state of emergency in response to the coronavirus, COVID-19, pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020 Governor Andy Beshear declared a state of emergency in Kentucky in response to the first documented case of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the emergency response of the City of Somerset must be deployed rapidly to protect the health, safety, and welfare of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Alan Keck, has determined that the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, presents a severe and complex threat to the public health, safety, and welfare of citizens that extraordinary emergency measures are warranted pursuant to KRS 39A.100 (2) and KRS 39B.070; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Mayor Alan Keck to coordinate an emergency effort with national, state, county, and other local agencies for maximum effective response.

NOW and therefore, I, Alan Keck, Mayor of the City of Somerset, by virtue of the authority vested in me by KRS Chapter 39A and 39B of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, do hereby declare that a state of emergency exists in the City of Somerset, and that I shall be exercising the authority granted to me through Executive Orders, and through utilization of city personnel, services, equipment, and any necessary acts to manage this emergency. Subject to any orders of Governor Andy Beshear, I hereby order and direct any and all departments of the City of Somerset to coordinate and cooperate with the Pulaski County Health Department, Kentucky Department for Public Health, any federal agencies to respond to the threat presented by the novel coronavirus, COVID-19 by exercising the powers articulated in KRS Chapter 39A and 39B and to provide information to individuals, businesses, organizations, and other entities to best prepare and respond to the COVID-19 State of Emergency Declaration.

This Declaration of State of Emergency shall remain in effect until terminated by the issuance of another Executive Order when I determine that a state of emergency no longer exists and the exercise of extraordinary measures are no longer required for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

Signed on this the 20th day of March 2020,



Alan L. Keck, Mayor of the City of Somerset