



## **Executive Order No. EO2020-011**

### **DECLARATION OF FISCAL EMERGENCY AS A RESULT OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 2020, the life, safety and welfare of the residents of Cuyahoga County are in jeopardy due to the outbreak of a deadly infectious respiratory disease identified as the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19); and,

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is rapidly spreading, as numerous members of the community have been infected with the disease and the risk of serious illness is imminent and the resulting impact of the disease on Cuyahoga County residents and businesses is potentially catastrophic; and,

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed Executive Order 2020-01D, declaring a State of Emergency in Ohio to protect the well-being of Ohioans from the dangerous effects of COVID-19 (the "Governor's March 9 Order"); and,

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, I issued Executive Order EO2020-0002 Declaring a State of Emergency for Cuyahoga County due to the outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2020 the Director of the Ohio Department of Health issued an Updated and Revised Order for Business Guidance and Social Distancing which prohibits gatherings of greater than 10 people occurring outside a single household and connected property, or living unit and connected property (the "Director's May 29 Order"); and

WHEREAS, the Director's May 29 Order also advises individuals who travel outside of their places of residence to comply as much as reasonably possible with Social Distancing Requirements defined as: maintaining at least six feet from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs and sneezes with a sleeve or elbow, regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands; and

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2020 the Director of the Ohio Department of Health issued a Second Order to Extend the Date of Various Orders which extends the expiration date of the Director's May 29 Order until the earlier of the State of Emergency declared by the Governor's March 9 Order no longer exists or the Director of the Ohio Department of Health rescinds and modifies the Director's May 29 Order (the "Director's July 6 Order"); and

WHEREAS, the state of emergency declared in the Governor's March 9 Order continues to exist; and

WHEREAS, unemployment in Cuyahoga County and throughout the State of Ohio continues at extremely high levels; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the State of Emergency and the Governor's March 9 Order and the Director's July 6 Order (together, the "Orders") taxable retail sales, investment earnings, and other revenues have declined significantly resulting in a projected budget deficit estimated at \$74,000,000 for fiscal year 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Armond Budish, County Executive of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, by virtue of the powers vested in me under Article 18, Section 3 of the Ohio Constitution, by the Charter of Cuyahoga County, and the laws of Cuyahoga County and the State of Ohio, do hereby order and declare as follows:

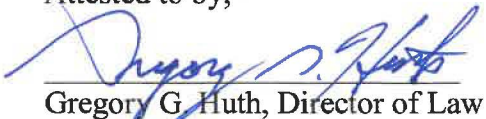
1. As a result of the State of Emergency and Orders issued to address the COVID-19 crisis, the County is projecting a budget deficit estimated at \$74,000,000 for fiscal year 2021.
2. Therefore, for the purpose of implementing a mandatory cost-savings program, if necessary, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 124.393, I am hereby declaring a Fiscal Emergency due to lack of funds to maintain current, and sustain projected, levels of staffing and operations of Cuyahoga County during fiscal year 2021.
3. This Executive Order shall go into effect immediately upon my signature and shall continue until it is rescinded or June 30, 2021, whichever is earlier.

The original copy of this Executive Order shall be filed with the Cuyahoga County Department of Law and a copy shall be filed with the Clerk of County Council.

I have signed this Executive Order on this 31 day of December  
2020, in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

  
Armond Budish, County Executive  
Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Attested to by,

  
Gregory G. Huth, Director of Law