



Executive Order No. EO2020-0006

DECLARATION AND ORDER TO LOWER COUNTY FLAGS TO HALF-STAFF

WHEREAS, on this 19th day of April 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 ("State of Emergency"). The Ohio State of Emergency allows state departments and agencies to better coordinate in their response and the County of Cuyahoga must also engage in that effort; and,

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, the Director of the Ohio Department of Health ("Director") issued an amended Stay at Home Order pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3701.13 authorizing special orders for preventing the spread of contagious or infectious diseases ("Order"); and

WHEREAS, as of the date of the Order there have been 1,197 Cuyahoga County residents diagnosed with COVID-19 and 30 Cuyahoga County residents who have died as a result of COVID-19.

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. In memory of the residents of Cuyahoga County and those around the world who have died as a result of the COVID-19 I am ordering all Cuyahoga County flags lowered to half-staff at all County facilities until further notice.
2. This Executive Order shall continue until it is rescinded.

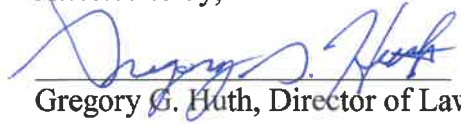
The original copy of this Executive Order shall be filed with the Cuyahoga County Department of Law and a copy shall be filed with the Clerk of County Council.

I have signed this Executive Order on this 14th day of April 2020, in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.



Armond Budish, County Executive
Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Attested to by,



Gregory G. Huth, Director of Law