



**BERRIEN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
B2007304
July 23, 2020**

WHEREAS, in response to the dangers of Coronavirus disease COVID-19, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-4 on March 24, 2020 declaring a State of Emergency and subsequent executive orders which ordered Michigan residents, to the fullest extent possible, to stay home and stay safe through May 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS, many Berrien County employees, continued serving in law enforcement, health, judicial, infrastructure, and support capacities without the ability to practice social distancing, thus creating a higher risk for contracting COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners passed resolution B2004222 on April 16, 2020 asking that all local government employees be eligible for hazard pay that was provided by the State of Michigan using federal funds; and

WHEREAS, recently available Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding provides for hazard pay premiums for first responders, however, does not provide the same for all other workers; and

WHEREAS, Berrien County employees that continued working during the Stay home, Stay safe order, to include but not limited to those in public health, should be eligible for CARES Act hazard pay funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners urges Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the State Legislature to provide said CARES Act funding to Michigan local governmental units so that they may provide comparable hazard pay for all county workers who were and are at a state of increased risk of contracting COVID-19 in the performance of their duties.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to provide this resolution to the Governor, and local State Legislators.

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