

**County of Dukes County  
County Commissioners**

**Declaration of Emergency**

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States and the Commonwealth significantly affect the life and health of our people, as well as the economy, and is a disaster that has had and will have a significant impact on the health, security, and safety of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has issued a Declaration of Emergency on March 10, 2020, and determined that the immediate public action is needed to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage to public health, safety, or general welfare of the people of commonwealth and/or property which may otherwise result from the above described emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has recommended that a State of Emergency be declared in local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of the County of Dukes County (the “County”) should be able to depend upon guidance from their County Commissioners, County Manager, and other County Officials;

**WHEREAS**, the County Commissioners declare that this is a local emergency and will begin coordination in order to facilitate information to state and federal agencies, as well as others;

**NOW THEREFORE**, We, the County Commissioners of the County of Dukes County, Massachusetts, hereby declare that immediately, and effective as of Tuesday, **March 24, 2020**, a State of Emergency is declared to exist in the County. This declaration has been issued, to help us prepare, give the County the administrative capability to adapt county operations, and ensure the allocation of more resources as it relates to COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus). This Declaration of Emergency shall remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to our judgment, that the State of Emergency no longer exists.

Date: March 24, 2020

**County of Dukes County, MA voted by conference call on at 4:15 PM March 24, 2020**

**County Commissioners**

*Tristan Israel*

Tristan Israel, Chair  
Dukes County Commissioner