WHEREAS, across the United States of America, communities have been faced with dealing with the Coronavirus disease COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-21 which ordered residents to remain at home or in their place of residence to the maximum extent feasible through April 13, 2020 and included limitations on workplaces across the state; and

WHEREAS, she subsequently issued Executive Orders 2020-42, 2020-59, 2020-70, and 2020-77 which ultimately extended the stay home order until May 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, included in the orders was the requirement that business, operations, and government agencies that continue in-person work must adhere to sound social distancing practices and measures, including, developing a COVID-19 preparedness and response plan, consistent with recommendations in the “Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19,” as developed by the Occupational Health and Safety Administration; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of the Governor’s Executive Orders, the County Administrator is designated as Berrien County’s COVID-19 Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator, as the COVID-19 Coordinator, has developed such a plan with input provided by necessary departments to include but not limited to the Emergency Operations Center and the Health Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approves this Phase one of the plan in its current state, recognizing that as COVID-19 continues to impact our operations, the plan will need to be amended to reflect that impact and to incorporate Phase 2, “Re-opening of County Buildings” at a later date.

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