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, 2020-77, 2020-92, 2020-96, 2020-110, and 2020-115 which ultimately extended the stay home order until June 12, 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 in that position 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

WHEREAS, the plan in its current state, Phase 1, was approved by the Berrien County Board of Commissioners via resolution B2005261, dated May 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, following additional input and review, Phase 2 of the plan “Re-opening of County Buildings” is now ready for Board approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approves this Phase two of the plan, recognizing that as COVID-19 continues to impact our operations, the plan may need to be amended to reflect that impact and to incorporate future phases.

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