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PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN CAPE GIRARDEAU COUNTY REGARDING COVID-19, WE ARE RECOMMENDING PREVENTATIVE MEASURES TO RESTRICT THE TRANSMISSION THEREOF.

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CAPE GIRARDEAU COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER, THE CAPE GIRARDEAU COUNTY COMMISSION, AND CITY MAYORS OF CAPE GIRARDEAU AND JACKSON, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated as COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan, China; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of the COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and can range from mild to severe illness and in some cases, death; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the Governor of Missouri declared a state emergency; and

WHEREAS, therefore based on guidance from the Center for Disease Control the Cape Girardeau County Health Center, the Cape Girardeau County Commission, and City Mayors of Cape Girardeau and Jackson, Missouri strongly encourage adherence to the following recommendations:

1. Limit your public exposure. Go to work, conduct essential business, and go home.
2. Limit gatherings to groups of 10 or fewer.
3. Implement personal protective measures, such as staying home when ill and washing hands frequently.
4. Avoid non-essential travel.
5. Actively engage in social distancing by staying at least 6 feet from others.

WHEREAS, furthermore, it is strongly encouraged that citizens continue to support local businesses in a manner that coincides with above safe practices as the control measures for this pandemic cannot be worse than the illness; and

NOW THEREFORE, We, the Cape Girardeau County Public Health Center, Cape Girardeau County Commission, and City Mayors of Cape Girardeau and Jackson, Missouri hereby proclaim a public health emergency in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri and urge all residents to adhere to the recommendations set forth in this proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this twenty-seventh day of March, twenty-twenty.

Jane Wernsman
Director, Cape Girardeau County Public Health Center

The Honorable Clint Tracy
Cape Girardeau Presiding Commissioner

The Honorable Paul Koeper
Associate Commissioner 1st District

The Honorable Charles Herbst
Associate Commissioner 2nd District

The Honorable Dwain Hahs
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The Honorable Robert Fox
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