MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the County Council
FROM: Demetrius Cianci-Chapman, Director
        Department of Public Health
RE: Authorization of Agreements with Local Governments
    Related to COVID-19 Response
DATE: April 9, 2020

The St. Charles County Departments of Public Health and Emergency Management are working with federal, state, and local agencies to further effective cross-jurisdictional response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and need timely approval of the agreements and memoranda of understanding with other governments, including local, state, and federal governments, necessary to achieve such effective response and to prevent the spread of this highly contagious disease.

To that end, the Department of Public Health respectfully requests that the County Council authorize the County Executive to execute Agreements or Memoranda of Understanding with these governments for the purposes of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to necessary support for a shared IT system; providing temporary housing facilities for first responders and to protect their families from being exposed to COVID-19; joint purchasing and procurement agreements; joint law enforcement efforts; joint emergency response efforts; and joint infrastructure and support necessary for effective regional response.

Any committal of funds and procurement related to these agreements will still go through the required procurement channels; this ordinance is required to greatly improve the speed to which we can respond to these cross jurisdictional needs.