BY ORDER OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, I have been advised by the County Department of Public Health and the St. Charles County Regional Emergency Management Agency that there have been confirmed and/or presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 in this state, including St. Louis County, our immediate neighbor; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 can result in mild or severe symptoms, is highly contagious, and is spread through close contact between persons and respiratory transmission; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a serious health risk, particularly for residents and visitors who are elderly or have compromised immune systems; and

WHEREAS, the first case of COVID-19 in the State of Missouri was identified on March 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization officially declared a pandemic due to COVID-19 on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Governor Michael L. Parson has this day declared a State of Emergency in Missouri to assist with the State’s response to this health threat; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 and identification of additional cases in Missouri is likely to continue, and steps should be taken to prevent a substantial risk to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the resources of the State of Missouri will be needed to assist in a joint incident response; and

WHEREAS, an invocation of the provisions of Chapter 44 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, is required to ensure the protection of the safety and welfare of the citizens of Missouri and St. Charles County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE EHLMANN, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Missouri, and the Charter and Ordinances of the County of St. Charles, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in St. Charles County, Missouri. This order shall terminate on May 15, 2020, unless extended in whole or in part.

Signed this 13th day of March, 2020.

Steve Ehlmann, County Executive
St. Charles County, Missouri