

RESOLUTION 2019-05
DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR COVID-19 PANDEMIC
Effective March 30, 2020

A resolution of Southwest Polk Rural Fire District the declaring of a state of emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, Southwest Polk Rural Fire District Resolution 2019-04 defines and authorizes the declaration of a state of emergency by the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is a disaster that is depleting operational resources and drastically alters normal operational procedures; and

WHEREAS, there is a quorum of Board Directors whose responsibility include making a declaration of a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, to maintain continuity of operations through the COVID-19 pandemic which is, or has potential to, drastically alter normal decision-making processes; and

WHEREAS, the federal declaration of a state of emergency began on January 20, 2020 and is continuing through the end of the pandemic, the Board of Directors chooses to follow the federal declaration for the duration; and

WHEREAS, the fire chief or designee assume the following powers and authorities, which may need to be altered, including revision or suspension of the following processes:

- Provide additional sources of funding.
- Authorize individuals to take action that they would not otherwise be authorized to take.
- Authorize the suspension or waiver of local policies or ordinances.
- Suspend local procurement rules and spending authority limits.
- Allow for greater cooperation among local governments.
- Prioritize certain district activities and functions.
- Demonstrate eligibility for certain funding.
- Raise public awareness.
- Provide legal protection for actions taken during a state of emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SOUTHWEST POLK RURAL FIRE DISTRICT DECLARES OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this 30th day of March, 2020.

Rod Watson, President

Attest:

Bob Davis, Secretary