

A RESOLUTION SEEKING IMMEDIATE MODIFICATIONS TO THE RESTORE ILLINOIS PLAN TO REOPEN BUSINESSES AND RESUME CIVIC ACTIVITY

Whereas, COVID-19 is a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people through respiratory transmissions and present with symptoms similar to those of influenza and certain populations are at higher risk of experiencing more severe illness as a result of COVID-19, including older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions; and

Whereas, State of Illinois Governor JP Pritzker issued a disaster proclamation on March 9, 2020, declaring all counties in the State of Illinois a disaster area under the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/7; and

Whereas, the Village of Arlington Heights and its officials and residents recognize that the Illinois Emergency Management Act, 2 ILCS 3305/1, *et seq.* (the “Act”) authorizes the Governor of the State of Illinois to issue emergency disaster proclamations and confers upon the Governor certain enumerated emergency powers after a disaster has been proclaimed, that he or she may exercise for a period of not to exceed 30 days (20 ILCS 3305/7);

Whereas, on April 1, 2020 Governor J.B. Pritzker issued Executive Order No. 8 which *inter alia* ordered: (1) residents to stay at home or place of residence; (2) “non-essential” businesses and operations must “cease”; (3) certain activity is “prohibited” in any form, except for “essential activities” which include, among other things (a) “outdoor activity” so long as “social distancing” is adhered to; (b) essential travel, as well as (c) food, medical, day care and professional services; and (5) citizens must engage in “social distancing” which specifically requires citizens to maintain a six (6) foot social distance from others; (b) citizens must wash hands with soap “for at least twenty seconds” as frequently as possible, (c) must cover coughs or sneezes, and may not shake hands (the “Stay at Home Order”); and

Whereas, the Governor issued a second Proclamation continuing the same COVID-19 disaster and issued an Executive Order extending the Stay at Home Order until April 30, 2020; and

Whereas, on April 30, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 30 easing certain restrictions in the Stay at Home Order and modifying some restrictions until May 30, 2020 (the “Amended Stay at Home Order”); and

Whereas, while it is undeniable that the Stay at Home Order has had a positive effect on reducing the number of cases of individuals contracting COVID-19 and deaths in Illinois, it is equally undeniable that the Stay at Home Order has had a devastating financial impact on the businesses and residents in the State of Illinois and in the Village; and

Whereas, the Village is continuing its efforts to prepare for any eventuality given that this is a novel illness and given the known health risks it poses for the elderly and those with serious chronic medical conditions; and

Whereas, the Governor has developed a Restore Illinois Plan breaking the State into four geographic regions for reopening; and

Whereas, for some of the regions there are more dissimilarities between communities than there are similarities as it relates to COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Arlington Heights, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: The Village of Arlington Heights commends the Governor for developing a written plan known as Restore Illinois to provide a path forward so that the public has something to respond to.

SECTION TWO: The Village of Arlington Heights immediately requests the Governor to modify the Restore Illinois Plan to base the State on the 11 Emergency Medical Services Regions that have traditionally guided its statewide public health work rather than four newly created Regions.

SECTION THREE: The Village of Arlington Heights urges the Governor to work with the Legislature and Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to develop workable precautions, operational restrictions, and reasonable guidelines and controls for the opening of restaurants, bars and other businesses in Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois Plan.

SECTION FOUR: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and approval.

AYES:

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PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of May, 2020.

Village President

ATTEST:

Village Clerk