WHEREAS, the existence and spread of the COVID-19 virus has resulted in the declaration of a worldwide pandemic, and it is necessary and appropriate to take quick action to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of April 17, 2020 the COVID-19 virus has been confirmed in multiple cases in and around the entire Kansas City Metro area involving multiple fatalities, including 128 cases and 2 deaths in Clay County residents as well as continuing to demonstrate community spread with the number of cases increasing each day; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to employ all means available under the law to protect public life, health, safety and property to limit the development, contraction and spread of COVID-19 creating this emergency; and

WHEREAS, I, Gary E. Zaborac, Director of Public Health for the Clay County Public Health Center and Health Officer for the County of Clay do find the aforementioned conditions constitute a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Clay County, and creates a public health emergency situation within the meaning of Chapter 192 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri and Division 20, Chapter 20 of the MO Code of State Regulations and Clay County Ordinance 205.05 (8);

NOW, THEREFORE, under the power vested in me under appropriate local, state and federal regulations and other enabling provisions, I, Gary E. Zaborac, Director of Public Health for the Clay County Public Health Center and Health Officer for the County of Clay do hereby order the following:


It is so ordered this 17th day of April, 2020.