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, 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 the existing shelter in place actions enacted under Public Health Emergency Order Amended 03222020 have demonstrated having a measurable impact on reducing the number of cases of COVID-19 in Clay County’s jurisdiction: and

WHEREAS continual evaluation of local data and conditions in Clay County’s jurisdiction indicate that the first peak of disease has occurred, and the number of cases remains stable and low; and

WHEREAS a critical piece in the effort to safely reopen our communities involves increased testing capabilities to keep people safe has measurably improved and will greatly enhance our ability to identify people who will need to be isolated and quarantined and prevent them from spreading the disease to the healthy population in Clay County

WHEREAS the desire to begin to safely reopen our communities and begin the first phase of the plan to do so exists;

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 22nd day of April 2020.

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Director of Public Health
Clay County Public Health Center

The mission of the Clay County Public Health Center is to deliver the essential public health services of prevention, promotion and protection to the communities of Clay County.