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WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor JB Pritzker issued a Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation for the entire State of Illinois as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Governor JB Pritzker issued Executive Order 2020-07 in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2020-07 suspends the in-person attendance requirement for members of the public body and allows for remote participation, and, if a meeting is necessary, the Executive Order provides that public bodies are encouraged to provide video, audio, and/or telephonic access to maintain openness and transparency to members of the public, and the DuPage Township will make every effort to operate necessary meetings that must be held in that capacity; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Governor JB Pritzker issued Executive Order 2020-10 in response to the significant and growing outbreak of COVID-19, which bans public gatherings of ten (10) persons and generally mandates that individuals “stay at home or at the place of residence” except as allowed by the Executive Order; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2020-18 extends the effective period for both Executive Order 2020-07 and 2020-10 through April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, there may be instances where it is not possible to postpone a DuPage Township Regular or Special meeting until after April 30, 2020 due to the nature of the business to be conducted and due to statutory timelines imposed concerning some or all the business to be conducted; and

WHEREAS, to protect the public and the members of the Township Board, Township staff, and its agents, as a result of the above, in order to protect against the spread of COVID-19 among the population and to deter contamination of the Township meeting location, modifications to the meeting format of public meetings must occur and the Township seeks to provide clear guidance as to its intended implementation of certain modifications to meeting procedures in order to ensure compliance with the Governor’s Executive Orders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of the DuPage Township, Will County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE. That the above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

SECTION TWO. That the Supervisor and Board of Trustees hereby determine, the following modifications shall occur to Township Board meetings held in person during the COVID-19 crisis (the “Period”) when public gatherings are limited pursuant to current and any subsequent Orders:

1. All Township Board Members may participate remotely in DuPage Township Board of Trustee Meetings. No elected or appointed official shall be required to attend any meeting in-person.
2. If an elected or appointed official attends the meeting in-person, the following rules shall apply:
 - a. No more than 10 persons may be admitted to the DuPage Township Board of Trustee Meetings.
 - b. The first persons to be admitted to the DuPage Township Board of Trustee Meetings will be its elected and appointed officers choosing to attend in person. If the 10-person maximum is not met, the next person(s) to be admitted shall be one member of the Associated or Local Press. To ensure eligibility for entry, the member of the Press must email Township Clerk, Kulsum Ali, at kali@dupagetownship.com. The first email received will determine the Press member admitted to any DuPage Township Board of Trustee meeting held during the crisis period. Thereafter, if the 10-person maximum is not met, members of the public shall be admitted. Admittance will be determined by which member of the public emails Township Clerk, Kulsum Ali, at kali@dupagetownship.com and requests admittance on a first-come, first-serve basis. If no person requests admittance via email, admittance shall be granted on a first-come, first serve basis. However, no in-person attendance shall be allowed or required if all members of the DuPage Township Board of Trustees are participating remotely.
 - c. At the meeting, persons attending will be seated more than 6 feet apart.
 - d. No handshaking is permitted. Close contact with other persons is prohibited
3. When no elected or appointed officials attend the meeting in-person, the Township building and meeting room will remain closed to the public.
4. The platform for remote or electronic attendance and participation at the Township Board meeting will be arranged in advance by the Township Supervisor or his/her designee at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting.
5. The Township shall endeavor to broadcast or otherwise allow public access to view or listen to Township Board Meetings(s) that are held remotely. Any such access shall be publicized on the meeting Agenda and/or on the Township’s website.
6. A person desiring to make public comment may email their public comment to Township Clerk, Kulsum Ali, at kali@dupagetownship.com by 5:00 p.m. on any day upon which the Board of Trustees holds a meeting during this Period. Public

Comments received by email will be read during the public comment section and will be noted in the meeting minutes. Emailed public comments must be limited to 200 words, must identify the commenter, and are limited to one (1) comment per person. To the extent applicable, public conduct and all comments are additionally governed by existing ordinances, rules, and procedures of the Township. Any profanity and obscene words contained in public comments will not be read out loud. If the remote meeting platform allows for live public comment, then the rules applicable to public comment with respect to length and number of comments shall be applicable thereto. Nothing herein shall allow members of the public to speak, interrupt the proceedings, or otherwise attempt to conduct Township business unless otherwise recognized and allowed by the Township Board.

7. Persons unable to attend in person and desiring to know if action was taken on an agenda item by the Supervisor and Board of Trustees for DuPage Township may contact Kulsum Ali at kali@dupagetownship.com the following day or thereafter.

SECTION THREE. These procedures will be in effect for any DuPage Township regular, special, or emergency meetings occurring during the Period when an Open Meetings Act suspension has been ordered or allowed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

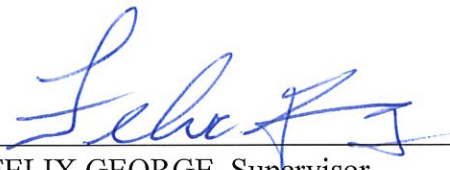
SECTION FOUR: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage due to its emergency nature.

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PASSED by the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of DuPage Township, Will County,
Illinois this 14th day of April 2020, pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

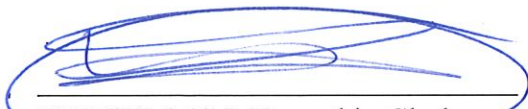
	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Trustee Benford	✓			
Trustee Oliver	✓			
Trustee Burgess	✓			
Trustee Raga	✓			
Supervisor George	✓			
TOTAL	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

APPROVED at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of DuPage Township, on
April 14, 2020.



FELIX GEORGE, Supervisor

ATTEST:



KULSUM ALI, Township Clerk