

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2024-004**

**RESOLUTION FOR DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DISASTER**

WHEREAS, the Town of Selma and parts of Delaware County were hit with a tornado on the evening of March 14, 2024 which damaged up to fifty percent (50%) of the structures, homes and buildings in the Town of Selma and area north of SR 32; and

WHEREAS, there still exists most of residents of Town of Selma and the surrounding unincorporated areas are without power and have sustained damage due to down trees and limbs from the tornado winds; and

WHEREAS, an emergency declaration as defined in I. C. 10-14-3.5-3 is needed by the County to allow its residents, businesses, and others to start the process of clean up and rebuilding; and

WHEREAS in light of the tornado and wind damage the Board of Commissioners declares an emergency to work with Delaware County and its Emergency Management Agency as well as the County Highway Department to work on clearing the streets, roads and other areas to allow electrical power crews to gain access to the down power lines and restore electricity to the Town of Selma and parts of the unincorporated area of the County to start the clean-up of the debris and damage from the storm; and

WHEREAS, the County will need to use its emergency powers to enter into contracts, agreements and expend funds necessary to help with the restoration of services as well as debris removal and restoration efforts; and

WHEREAS, the County also would make a request to the Governor's office for emergency disaster relief funds and assistance.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DELAWARE COUNTY, INDIANA that:**

1. The Board of Commissioners for, Delaware County, Indiana hereby declares an emergency for the purpose of restoration of power and services as well as clearing debris and damage to allow access to the roads, buildings, and structures for the citizens of the Town and the unincorporated areas of the County that were impacted by the tornado on March 14, 2024.

2. Delaware County shall be authorized pursuant to I. C. 10-14-3-7 to enter into agreements and coordinate work with contractors, and the Delaware County Highway Department for debris removal from the roads and homes of people that clear the downed limbs and trees themselves.


3. The Board of Commissioners shall appropriate and expend funds, make contracts, obtain, and distribute equipment, materials, supplies for emergency management and to provide for the health and safety of the residents and businesses of the Town of Selma impacted by the disaster as per I. C. 10-14-3-17(j)(1).

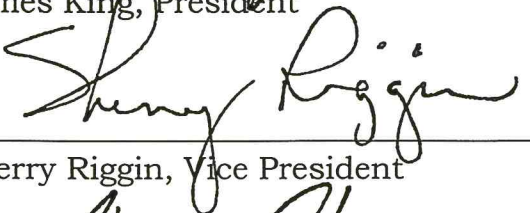
4. The County may appoint, employ, provide with or without compensation rescue teams, auxiliary fire and police personnel and other emergency management and disaster workers as needed pursuant to I. C. 10-14-3-17(j)(2).


5. The Auditor of the County shall send this Emergency Declaration to the Governor of the State of Indiana for assistance with funding for the clean-up and restoration of services as well as repairs to buildings and house that are not covered by insurance.

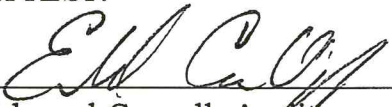
DULY ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of, Delaware County, Indiana on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DELAWARE COUNTY, INDIANA**

  
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