

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2025- 06

RESOLUTION FOR DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DISASTER

WHEREAS, several areas of Delaware County were hit with a tornado, strong straight line winds and significant rain fall starting on the evening of April 2, 2025 which uprooted trees, damaged several homes and caused destruction to many areas of the County from Daleville to Gaston to Eaton to Muncie and other unincorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, there still exists most of residents of county 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, the weather impact has continued as rainfall has accumulated and there are flood warnings for the entire county as rivers, streams, ditches and low-lying areas could see further damage from flooding and accumulated water; and

WHEREAS in light of the rain, 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 those areas of the county that sustained damage 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 and 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 COMMISSIONES OF
DELAWARE COUNTY, INDIANA that:**

1. The Board of Commissioners for, Delaware County, Indiana hereby declares an emergency for the purpose of protecting property from flooding, 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 towns and the unincorporated areas of the County that were impacted by the tornado, winds and significant rainfall that started on April 2, 2025 and may be continuing.

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 flooding prevention and/or diversion, debris removal from

the roads and property of people that clear the debris and 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 provide for the health and safety of the residents and businesses of the County 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 property, buildings and residences that are not covered by insurance.

DULY ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of, Delaware County, Indiana on the 7th day of April, 2025.

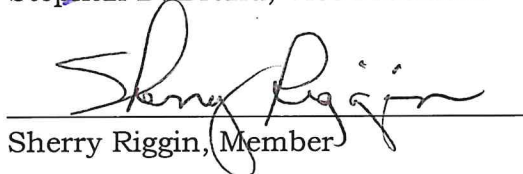
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