County of Schoolcraft

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To: Commanding Officer – Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, Michigan State Police; District # 8 Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division Coordinator Lt. Steve Derusha

On March 17, 2020 the County of Schoolcraft has declared a Local State of Emergency due to the on-going health emergency involving the COVID-19 Coronavirus which is beginning to aggressively spread throughout the State of Michigan and the United States. As a result of this situation, the following conditions exist: Due to a State of Emergency being declared by both the Governor of the State of Michigan and the President of the United States, Executive Orders have been issued by the State of Michigan which have closed schools, restricted public gatherings, affected entrance to certain facilities and types of businesses, and significantly changed operations in healthcare, public health agencies, first responder agencies and government operations. Response and recovery elements of the Schoolcraft County Emergency Action Guidelines have been activated, and local resources are being utilized to their fullest possible extent. Despite these efforts, local resources are limited and not sufficient to manage the situation.

Therefore, as the Chief Elected Official of Schoolcraft County, in accordance with Section 10 of 1976 PA 390, as amended, I hereby declare that a "state of emergency" exists within our jurisdiction, that the response and recovery elements of our emergency operations plan have been activated, and that local resources are being utilized to the fullest possible extent. This Declaration is effective immediately for a period of 7 days and/or continued for a period not to exceed 28 days by approval of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners. If needed, this Declaration shall be continued beyond that time, again for a period not to exceed 28 days

Specifically, I request the following State assistance to supplement local response and recovery efforts: test kits. N95 masks, hand sanitizer, thermometers, personal care items to supplement shortages, possible support staff and/or funding to manage the COVID-19 response, economic recovery resources and possible mental health support counseling for affected members of our community.

Accordingly, be advised that Paul R. Geyer, Schoolcraft County Emergency Management Coordinator will provide liaison and coordination with State and Federal authorities for assistance related to this incident, and in accordance with Section 14 of PA 390 of 1976, as amended, is directed to transmit this request to the MSP/EMHSD

Authorized by: (Craig Reiter, Chairperson, Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners)

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Date: March 17, 2020