

CARMEL CLAY PUBLIC LIBRARY
RESOLUTION 3-2020

WHEREAS, Carmel Clay Public Library (the "Library") is a library organized and existing under the provisions of IC 36-12-2; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, the Indiana Governor (the "Governor") issued Executive Order 20-02 which declared that a public health emergency existed throughout the State of Indiana (the "State") as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") outbreak and such initial declaration has been extended through subsequent Executive Orders; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization ("WHO") declared COVID-19 to be a global pandemic and, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency with respect to this dangerous virus; and

WHEREAS, as of this date, the virus has spread to every county in Indiana with over 38,000 confirmed cases and over 2,100 deaths; and

WHEREAS, to reduce and slow the spread of COVID-19, the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") recommended implementation of mitigation strategies to contain the virus including limitations on large gatherings and social distancing measures; and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued Executive Orders 20-08 and 20-09, which prohibited access to all state government buildings, offices and facilities by the public, restricting access to only those essential services and required all persons to stay home except for those providing essential services or operating essential business, which orders have been extended through subsequent Executive Orders; and

WHEREAS, to continue mitigation of COVID-19 and to lower the risk of a resurgence, a measured and staggered approach has been adopted by the State, through the Governor's Executive Orders providing for stages of reopening; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has provided that Stage 4 of the reopening is currently scheduled from June 12 through July 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as stated in Executive Order 20-32, nothing in that Executive Order prohibits a county or political subdivision from imposing more stringent requirements and Stage 4 specifically provides that public libraries may reopen subject to their own policies; and

WHEREAS, the State has provided guidance to employers of best practices regarding to keep its employees safe and slow the spread of this virus; and

WHEREAS, the Library often services some of the community's most vulnerable and at risk population, especially during the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Library's mission is to serve the community and its patrons while it keeps its patrons and employees safe and implements best practices as provided by the State and Hamilton County Departments of Health and the City of Carmel; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes, directs and ratifies the Library Director and Library staff to establish a plan and procedures as it reopens to the public (the "Library Plan") which comply at a minimum with the Governor's Executive Orders through each Phase of reopening.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Library Director is authorized and directed to consult with and review resources provided by the State, the WHO, the CDC, the City of Carmel, Hamilton County Health Department, the Indiana State Library and the Indiana Library Federation ("Resources") in implementing such Library Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such Library Plan should consider and provide best practices in order to keep the Library's employees and patrons as safe as reasonably possible during this time of the spread of COVID-19, and should include such practices as social distancing, proper sanitary practices and face coverings and other such practices as the Director reasonably believes is in the best interest of the Library's employees and patrons.

Passed and Adopted this 2nd day of June, 2020.

President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Trustees