

RESOLUTION 20-40

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FORD COUNTY BOARD
IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL BUSINESSES, THE FORD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND
LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT**

WHEREAS, Governor JB Pritzker has issued multiple Executive Orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Governor's actions, some businesses in Ford County deemed "non-essential" by the Governor have been forced to cease operations; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's actions risk businesses in Ford County being forced to close indefinitely causing financial harm to business owners and the economy of Ford County generally; and

WHEREAS, the Ford County Board believes that Ford County business owners should be given the opportunity to re-open their businesses, should they choose to do so, under guidance by the Ford County Public Health Department to protect the health and safety of patrons, employees, and the general public.

WHEREAS, the Ford County Board believes that Ford County Houses of Worship should be given the opportunity to re-open their businesses, should they choose to do so, under guidance by the Ford County Public Health Department to protect the health and safety of patrons, employees, and the general public.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Ford County Board that continuation of the Executive Order prohibiting the opening and operation of "non-essential" businesses represents a threat to those businesses and the overall economy of Ford County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Ford County Board that it supports steps being taken by the Ford County Public Health Department and local law enforcement agencies in promulgating a procedure whereby local businesses have the option to open without concern of local enforcement of the Governor's Executive Order;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Ford County Board that all due haste be exercised in finalizing and promoting the guidance to local business owners and Houses of Worship, with continuing discussions with the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity so that they have the option of opening their business as soon as possible without concern of local enforcement.

Dated: May 11, 2020

Signed: _____


County Board Chairman

Attest: _____


Amy Frederick
Ford County Clerk & Recorder

