



## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-6**

**Issued by**

**TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT,  
COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Cook County, Illinois**

**March 27, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared that COVID-19 presents a public health emergency on January 27, 2020, and the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, pointing to over 118,000 cases of the coronavirus illness in over 110 countries and territories around the world and the sustained risk of further global spread; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Cook County Code of Ordinances, Sections 26-36 and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/11, on March 10, 2020, County Board President Toni Preckwinkle found that the circumstances surrounding COVID-19 constitute a public health emergency and issued a proclamation of disaster for Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Illinois law, on March 16, 2020, the Cook County Board of Commissioners through Resolution 20-2195, extended the March 10, 2020 Proclamation of Disaster through May 31, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, in times of crisis, coordination is vital and valued in getting critical resources to communities most impacted and the Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security (DEMRS) has been working diligently to mobilize philanthropic, government, and business partners to support our community; and

**WHEREAS**, DEMRS would like to accept supplies, equipment, goods, services and other donations from private partners, corporations, and individuals for rapid deployment to Cook County agencies, first responders, municipal partners and not-for-profit organizations working on the frontlines of the COVID-19 crisis to provide our region's most vulnerable communities with emergency assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Sec. 26-35 of the Cook County Code of Ordinances and the Proclamation of Disaster, DEMRS is permitted to enter into various mutual aid agreements and memorandums of understanding (MOU) to address such donations; however, due to the need to move resources quickly without burdening those providing critical services and support, a mutual aid agreement or MOU may not be necessary or timely; and

**WHEREAS**, the March 16, 2020 Resolution 20-2195 further recognized and supported the issuance of Executive Orders by the County Board President to account for the continuity of operations, institute necessary closures and implement any rules or regulations that may benefit Cook County workforce and residents during this extended Proclamation of Disaster.

**NOW THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Illinois, the laws of the State of Illinois, the Ordinances of Cook County and the March 10, 2020 Proclamation of Disaster that was extended by the Board of Commissioners through May 31, 2020,

I, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President of the County of Cook, **DO HEREBY ORDER**, as follows:

1. To the extent DEMRS is not able to enter into a mutual aid agreement or MOU, or doing so would cause unnecessary burden or delay, DEMRS is permitted to accept supplies, equipment, goods, services and other donations from private partners, corporations, and individuals, and either use such donations directly in support of the County's disaster response or distribute them to Cook County agencies, first responders, municipal partners or not-for-profit organizations assisting with the COVID-19 crisis.
2. Prior to using or distributing said donations, DEMRS will catalog the donations and assign them to Cook County agencies, first responders, municipal partners or not-for-profit organizations using an allocation protocol developed by DEMRS to maximize the impact on public health and safety, with priority given to unfulfilled resource requests.
3. Where applicable, DEMRS will coordinate the delivery or pick-up of such donations to the assigned Cook County agencies, first responders, municipal partners or not-for-profit organizations and include any necessary release or waiver.
4. DEMRS will maintain a report of all donations received, used and/or distributed pursuant to this Order including the names of the Cook County agencies, first responders, municipal partners or not-for-profit organizations receiving the donation, the estimated value of the donation, the intended use of the donation, and any costs to the County associated with acceptance of such donation, including, but not limited to, transportation and/or storage; a copy of such report shall be provided to the Cook County Board of Commissioners on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.
5. Donations shall not be taken into consideration in the award of future County contracts, benefits, or services.
6. Recipients of such donations shall be required to use such donations in an ethical and equitable manner for the purpose authorized, without engaging in unlawful discrimination or taking a personal financial interest in such donations.

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**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that, this order shall take effect upon its execution and filing with the County Clerk.



Toni Preckwinkle  
President

Dated: March 27, 2020

ATTEST:



Karen A. Yarbrough  
Cook County Clerk

Received and Filed: March 27, 2020