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Platte City, Missouri – March 20, 2020

**PLATTE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (PCHD) ORDER  
FOR LIMITATION OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC GATHERINGS OF MORE THAN 10 INDIVIDUALS**

**WHEREAS**, the existence and spread of the COVID – 19 Virus has resulted in the declaration of a worldwide pandemic, and it is necessary and appropriate to take quick action to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID – 19 and to reduce the spread of COVID – 19; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID – 19 Virus has been laboratory confirmed in multiple cases in and around the Kansas City Metro area including the adjacent county of Jackson County, MO with the number of cases escalating each day; and community spread has been declared in nearby Johnson County, KS; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020 a State of Emergency was declared to exist in Platte County, Missouri by the Platte County Presiding Commissioner Ron Schieber; and

**WHEREAS**, I, Mary Jo Vernon, Director of the Platte County Health Department do find the aforementioned conditions constitute a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Platte County and creates a public health emergency situation within the meaning of Mo.Rev.Stat. 192.020; 19 CSR 20-20.010; 19 CSR 20-20.050; Platte County, Missouri Ord. Chapters 230 and 240.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, under the power vested in me under appropriate local, state and federal laws, regulations, ordinances and other enabling provisions, I, Mary Jo Vernon, Director of Public Health for the Platte County Health Department and Health Officer for the County of Platte hereby order the following:

- No private or public gathering of 10 or more people in attendance (both indoor or outdoor). Exceptions include governmental and judicial functions, healthcare facilities, daycare facilities, grocery stores, pharmacies and business operations; and
- Religious and faith-based activities, weddings and funerals are included in this order due to extreme caution advised by the Centers for Disease Control for individuals age sixty (60) years and over for critical illness and complications from the COVID 19 Virus; and
- In all areas, establishments must follow the guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for social distancing and infection control measures.

It is so ordered this 20th day of March, at 1:00 PM, year 2020.

This order shall expire after fourteen (14) days, unless otherwise extended by me.

Mary Jo Vernon, Director, Platte County Health Department, Platte County, Missouri