

Resolution No. 20-09

WHEREAS, the Columbus City Health Code Chapter 775 confers upon the Board of Health emergency powers to deal with an occurrence or imminent threat of an acutely hazardous disease, illness, or health condition that is believed to be caused by bioterrorism or the appearance of a novel or previously controlled or eradicated infectious agent or biological toxin; and

WHEREAS, the occurrence or imminent threat poses a high probability of a large number of deaths in the affected population, or a large number of serious or long-term disabilities in the affected population, or widespread exposure to an infectious or toxic agent that poses a significant risk of substantial harm to a large number of people in the affected population; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of a public health emergency grants the Board of Health and/or the Health Commissioner special powers of quarantine and isolation, control of roads and public areas, and testing and treatment; and

WHEREAS, imminent threats to public health and safety, if left unchecked, will cause personal hardship throughout the general public in the City, including death, hospital overcrowding, shortages of health care workers, and disruptions to businesses and critical infrastructure because of illness-related absenteeism; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence as related to imminent threats to public health and safety and it may be impracticable to convene a duly noticed and legally binding meeting of the Board of Health; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health is authorized to empower the Health Commissioner, should she determine that the pertinent requirements of Columbus Health Code Chapter 775 are met, to act in its absence pursuant to a resolution;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

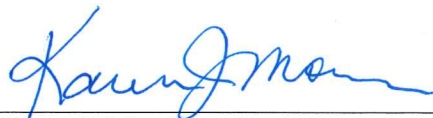
SECTION 1: Subject to the requirements of Columbus Health Code Chapter 775, the Columbus Board of Health confers to Mysheika W. Roberts, MD, MPH, in her capacity as the Health Commissioner of the cities of Columbus and Worthington, the authority to declare a public health emergency without convening the Board.

SECTION 2: Any declaration of a public health emergency made by the Health Commissioner of the cities of Columbus and Worthington without convening the Board shall meet the requirements of Columbus Health Code Chapter 775.

ADOPTED: March 17, 2020



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