Greetings from the Sheriff of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_County, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**BACKGROUND:**

As the elected Sheriff of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County, I have taken an

oath before the “Supreme Judge of the Universe” to keep the peace

and to secure, defend and protect the people of this jurisdiction from

threats to their liberties, their livelihoods, and the peaceable

enjoyment of their property.

The nature of that solemn oath requires that the actions of the sheriff

in the performance of his duty must conform to the Constitution of the

United States and the Constitution of the State of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

These documents are the supreme law of the land and describe the

powers entrusted to civil government by the consent of the people.

They also provide limits to those powers which are absolute,

permanent, and perpetual.

Furthermore, these documents are based upon and informed by a

philosophy of law and government set forth in the Declaration of

Independence which can be summarized as follows:

1) All men and women are created by an Almighty, All-knowing,

Eternal God.

2) God is the Author and Grantor of rights to men and women which

are inalienable, universal, and part of His created order. These

rights include life, liberty, and property.

3) People form civil governments for the purpose of securing and

protecting these God-given rights.

4) Whenever any government becomes destructive of these ends or

violative of this purpose it is the right and the duty of the people

to take corrective measures with respect to that government.

**CURRENT CRISIS:**

In March of last year, the Governor of this state issued executive orders

closing businesses, churches, schools and denying the people of this

state their God-given and constitutionally protected right to travel, to

worship, to assemble, and to exercise personal autonomy respecting

wearing face masks or other medical devices. When these directives

were first issued, they were accompanied by statements indicating they

were an attempt to deal with a medical catastrophe and were expected

to extend for only fourteen days.

Despite several judicial rulings that these measures lack constitutional

authority, the governor has expanded and extended these orders for

more than fourteen months.

During this time there has been a coordinated and constant effort by

media and some government agencies to justify the suspension or

denial of God-given, constitutionally protected rights under a plea of

emergency; but this is precisely what is forbidden by the Constitution of

the United States.

Moreover, the Constitution of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ provides that all

lawmaking power is vested in our state legislature and further provides

that the powers and authorities of one branch of government shall not

be discharged by an official from a different branch.

Lawmaking power being thus vested in the legislature, the Governor

has no constitutional authority to make law. Therefore, the edicts of

the Governor (or a health department subordinate), whether they are

characterized as mandates, orders, proclamations, or directives, are not

law and cannot be lawfully enforced.

In point of fact, no governor, in any state, has the authority to suspend

the Constitution. And any attempt by a Governor to suspend

Constitutional rights is an act of lawlessness and a violation of his/her

oath of office.

When I took my oath of office as Sheriff, I swore obedience and fidelity

to the United States Constitution and the Constitution of this State. I

did not swear allegiance to a mayor or a governor or a health

department bureaucrat.

Fidelity to my oath requires that I abstain from enforcing any edict or

order from a Governor, or any executive, which lacks constitutional

authority. Moreover, my sworn duty requires that I resist such edicts

and orders and act in such a manner as to shelter and protect the

citizenry from all acts of lawlessness, even and especially when they

originate from civil authorities.

**CONCLUSION:**

Accordingly, the Office of Sheriff of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County, has and

will continue to adopt and execute policies and procedures consistent

with the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this

State. These policies and procedures apply to the Sheriff, all Deputy

Sheriffs, all employees of the Office of Sheriff and anyone acting under

the authority of the Office of Sheriff and include, but are not limited to

the following:

1) This Office will not in any way assist in the enforcement of any

order, edict, mandate, proclamation, directive, regulation, etc.,

that violates the rights of the people to:

a. Move about freely

b. Wear or not wear any medical device they may choose

c. Freely express their religious beliefs, and freely engage in

the practice thereof

d. Freely speak their opinions

e. Assemble

f. Keep and bear arms

g. Lawfully engage in business activities without

interference by representatives of any government, or

agency or agent thereof, notwithstanding any real or

ostensible public health emergency

h. Engage in any other activity protected by the Constitution

of the United States or by the Constitution of this State.

2) This Office will not assist in the enforcement of any civil action

or any criminal charge against any person for trespass which is

based on that person’s failure to comply with unconstitutional

mandates or orders.

3) This Office will arrest, detain, and recommend prosecution of

any government official or agent thereof who knowingly and

deliberately violates the rights of the people under the

pretended authority of an unconstitutional order, edict,

mandate, proclamation, directive, or regulation.

4) This Office will arrest, detain, and recommend prosecution of

any government official or agent thereof who uses his or her

position or office to influence any private (non-governmental)

person or corporation to act in such a way as to coerce any

person or entity to comply with unconstitutional orders, edicts,

mandates, proclamations, directives or regulations.

5) The Bill of Rights will be strictly enforced within the

jurisdictional boundaries of this County.

The people of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County, are entitled to the

protection of their God-given and constitutionally protected rights. As

the elected chief law enforcement official of this jurisdiction, it is the

responsibility, duty and privilege of the Sheriff to do everything in his or

her lawful power to protect, defend and secure these rights.

Signed,

Sheriff \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County, \_\_\_\_