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**Press Release:
State of Emergency Declaration**

County of Cooper

To: All Press Agencies

From: The Cooper County Commission and The Cooper County Emergency Management Agency

Subject: State of Emergency Declaration

The Cooper County Commissioners have issued a State of Emergency Declaration for Cooper County. This is being done to allow the County access to State and Federal assets and funding due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. It is important to note that as of this press release there have not been any confirmed cases in Cooper County. The County Commissioners, leadership from the Cooper County Public Health Department and the Cooper County Emergency Management Agency are monitoring the ever-changing situation. It is our goal to take the appropriate steps necessary to ensure the health and well being of our citizens. It is ultimately up to each individual citizen to follow the guidelines set forth by Governor Parson and recommendation from the CDC to help limit the impact of the COVID-19. Individuals need to use common sense and personal responsibility to work through these tough times and protect our citizens. We will continue to keep our citizens informed during these dynamic times. A special Coronavirus link will soon be available on the Cooper County website at www.coopercountymo.gov. This link will give you updated information from Cooper County officials about our response to this pandemic. We are also asking that if you have business with an office at the Cooper County Courthouse, you email or call the specific office to discuss the issue prior to coming to the courthouse. Some issues may be able to be accomplished via email or over the phone. You can find emails and phone numbers for specific offices at www.coopercountymo.gov, and click on the appropriate office.

To view the latest CDC guidance, go to the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus. Information from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services website is www.health.mo.gov/coronavirus.