

**DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY  
BY THE FOX WATERWAY AGENCY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 3.01 of the Agency Code of Rules and Regulations, the Executive Director is responsible to implement the administration, interpretation and enforcement of the Code and act as a liaison with local law enforcement agencies.

WHEREAS, section 6.02 of the Agency Code of Rules and Regulations, provides for Unlawful Boat Anchoring.

WHEREAS, section 6.07 of the Agency Code of Rules and Regulations, provides for the Designation of Emergency or Temporary Restricted Areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in the Executive Director of the Fox Waterway Agency by the Fox Waterway Agency Act, 615 ILCS 90/1, *et seq.*, and the various sections of the Fox Waterway Code of Rules and Regulations cited herein, the undersigned, Joseph S. Keller, Executive Director of the Fox Waterway Agency, based on the current world wide pandemic of the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), does hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists on the Fox Waterway causing the following temporary additional rules and regulations to be implemented.

SECTION 1: The rafting up/tying up of two (2) or more boats or other aquatic recreational equipment or devices in any zones of the Waterway is prohibited.

SECTION 2: Anchored boats must be a minimum of ten (10) feet apart.

SECTION 3: Enforcement of these temporary additional rules and regulations may be enforced by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Lake County Sheriff's Department, and/or the McHenry County Sheriff's Department.

SECTION 4: Any person, firm or corporation in violation of these temporary additional rules and regulations shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$200 per offense, per person in the watercraft.

SECTION 5: This Declaration of State of Emergency and additional rules and regulations set forth herein shall continue until the Executive Director terminates this Declaration of State of Emergency.

Dated: April 22, 2020

  
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Joseph S. Keller, Executive Director