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MESSAGE FROM THE PLS PRESIDENT

Yesterday, Governor Wolf ordered all non-life-sustaining businesses in Pennsylvania to close their physical locations as of 8 p.m., March 19, 2020. This is part of an ongoing effort to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

As licensed professionals in Pennsylvania, Professional Land Surveyors have a responsibility to hold paramount the health, safety and welfare of the public. The Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyors supports the Governor's efforts and the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control to contain the virus and bring this health crisis to a speedy end.

It is clear that offices need to be closed and workers should not be working together in groups. There is some confusion about how the Governor's order affects surveyors working in the field, in some cases supporting industries that are permitted to remain in operation, and, sometimes, working alone. The Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyors is trying to gain some clarity on these issues. If you are wondering if your land surveying services are exempt from the Governor's order, we believe there will be a follow-up press conference this afternoon to address these, and other, issues.

For more information on the Governor's proclamation and ongoing announcements, please go to:

<https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/all-non-life-sustaining-businesses-in-pennsylvania-to-close-physical-locations-as-of-8-pm-today-to-slow-spread-of-covid-19/>

Everyone needs to treat this seriously, use good judgement and continue to follow government regulations and CDC guidelines.

Sincerely,

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