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Lansing, MI – On April 4<sup>th</sup> the Libertarian Executive Committee voted to approve the following resolution in response to the recent actions taken by Governor Whitmer.

**Resolution Condemning Governor Whitmer's Response to the Coronavirus Outbreak**

The Libertarian Party of Michigan (LPM) strongly condemns the recent actions of Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer in response to the spread of COVID-19. We believe the governor has no authority under the Michigan Constitution to restrict individuals' freedom of movement and association without a declaration of martial law.

The LPM does not advocate the declaration of martial law; rather we advocate voluntary participation in scientifically sound measures to prevent the virus' spread as the most preferable solution (social distancing, rigorous hygiene, and the use of personal protective equipment). Only private citizens can achieve this through their own volition, whereas the Governor's actions are both oppressive and incapable of mitigating the severe crisis at hand. Moreover, her actions will cause irreparable harm to the economy of the State of Michigan at both the personal and societal level. Citizens will feel this in the form of lost jobs, homes, and businesses, along with the suffering that follows.

We therefore call on Governor Whitmer to lift the authoritarian restrictions in place and restore the human rights of movement and interaction to the citizens of Michigan. We also call upon the public servants of Michigan to resist these edicts and act to protect the rights of their constituents. Most importantly, we implore the citizens of Michigan to speak out against these egregious violations of human rights and demand a return to sanity and freedom.

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