



**CITY OF
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"A Home Rule Municipality"

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PROCLAMATION

DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") have declared COVID-19 "a public health emergency of international concern", and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") Secretary has declared that COVID-19 creates a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, Governor Tom Wolf issued a Proclamation of Disaster of Emergency stating, in part, that it is critical to prepare for and respond to suspected and confirmed cases in the Commonwealth and to implement measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Cambria County declared a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has created a situation which has the potential to seriously endanger the health, safety and welfare of persons residing in the City of Johnstown and threatens to create problems greater in scope than the City of Johnstown may be able to resolve; and

WHEREAS, the scope of the COVID-19 Virus requires the use of Emergency Management measures to reduce its severity, to help limit its spread, to assist in the treatment of individuals stricken with the virus, and to otherwise protect the health, safety and welfare of residents, visitors and the community at large of the City of Johnstown.

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Frank Janakovic, Mayor of the City of Johnstown, and John Trant, the Interim City Manager, pursuant to the provisions of the Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa.C.S. §§ 7501 et seq., as amended), the provisions of the Third Class City Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (11 Pa.C.S.A. §11203), and pursuant to Chapter 248 of the Code of the City of Johnstown, do hereby proclaim the existence of a **State of Emergency** within the City of Johnstown; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we authorize the Directors of the City of Johnstown in coordination with Interim City Manager and the Office of Emergency Management to act, under our or our designee's direction, as necessary, to meet the current and ongoing demands of this State of Emergency including, without limitation, implementing emergency assignment without

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regard to procedures required by other laws (other than mandatory constitutional requirements) pertaining to the performance of public works, entering into contracts, incurring obligations, employing temporary workers, renting equipment, purchasing supplies and materials, and making expenditures of public funds; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we hereby suspend the provisions of any regulatory ordinance proscribing the conduct of City business, or the rules, orders, regulations and work directives of any City department if strict compliance with provisions of the same would in any way hinder, prevent or delay necessary action in coping with this State of Emergency; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we direct the City of Johnstown Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

This Proclamation and State of Emergency shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:



CITY OF JOHNSTOWN


Mayor Frank Janakovic


John Trant, Jr., Interim City Manager

DATE: March 20, 2020. 12pm EST