

PROCLAMATION
DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Virus threatens to cause injury, damage and suffering to the residents of the City of Lancaster; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Virus and its threat to the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing within the City of Lancaster, threatens to and in fact does create problems greater in scope than the City of Lancaster may be able to resolve through traditional measures; 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 Lancaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned, Danene Sorace, Mayor of the City of Lancaster, pursuant to the provisions of the Emergency Management Services Code, (35 Pa. C.S. §7501 et. seq., as amended) and pursuant to Chapter 136 of the Code of the City of Lancaster, does hereby proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency within the City of Lancaster; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that I direct the City of Lancaster's Office of Emergency Management 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 State of Emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that I authorize the Directors of the Departments of the City of Lancaster, in coordination with my administrative staff and the Office of Emergency Management to act, under my or my designee's direction, as necessary, to meet the current and ongoing demands of this State of Emergency including, without limitation, implementing emergency assignments without 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 I hereby suspend the provisions of any regulatory ordinance proscribing procedures for the conduct of City business, or the rules, orders, regulations and work directives of any City department, if strict compliance with the provisions of the same would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with this State of Emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that I hereby authorize Code Officials of the City of Lancaster, including the Health Officer and Health Code Officials, to suspend or waive any provision of law or regulation which they are by law authorized to administer or enforce, for such length of time as may be necessary to respond to this State of Emergency.

This Proclamation and State of Emergency shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

CITY OF LANCASTER

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Danene Sorace, Mayor

DATE: March 17, 2020