

**CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) is a highly contagious and sometimes fatal respiratory disease, the prevalence of which is increasing rapidly throughout the world, including the United States, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the City of Newton;


**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States has declared a national emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak;


**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020 the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued a Declaration of a State of Emergency to Respond to COVID-19 in order to facilitate and expedite the use of Commonwealth resources;

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts announced further emergency actions to respond to the evolving COVID-19 public health emergency impacting the Commonwealth, including public gatherings of more than 25 people until April 6, 2020, as well as the suspension of elementary and secondary school education operations until April 6, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, a Declaration of Emergency and immediate action is needed to prevent, minimize, or mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the public health, safety, or general welfare of the people of the City of Newton;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Mayor of the City of Newton and Commissioner of Public Health, pursuant to chapter 111 of the Massachusetts General Laws and the regulations promulgated thereunder, all powers consistent with Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 (the “Civil Defense Act”), and the Executive authority inherent under section 3-2 of the City of Newton Charter, hereby declare a State of Emergency to exist. This Declaration of Emergency in the City of Newton is effective upon signing and shall remain in full force and effect until notice is given that the Emergency no longer exists.

  
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Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor  
City of Newton

  
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