

## DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19, a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans, is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness and/or death, and can spread easily from person to person; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global health emergency of international concern on January 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has identified the high public health threat posed by COVID-19, both globally and within the United States, and has advised that person-to-person spread will continue to occur; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary, on January 31, 2020, declared a public health emergency for the United States due to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has confirmed multiple cases of COVID-19 within the state and within Forsyth County, specifically; and

**WHEREAS**, Roy Cooper, the Governor of the State of North Carolina, declared a state of emergency for the entire state, effective March 10, 2020, due to the continued and ongoing threat of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Donald J. Trump, the President of the United States, declared a national emergency, effective March 13, 2020, due to the continued and ongoing threat of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the aforementioned public health emergency, I have determined that there is an imminent threat of, or that existing conditions have caused or will cause, isolated or potentially widespread illness within the population of the City of Winston-Salem; and

**WHEREAS**, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein is necessary to maintain order, to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and to secure property.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me, as the Mayor of the City of Winston-Salem, under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Section 38-2 of Chapter 38 of the City of Winston-Salem Code of Ordinances:

**Section 1.** A State of Emergency is, hereby, declared within the jurisdiction of the City of Winston-Salem.

**Section 2.** The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be within the corporate limits of the City of Winston-Salem.

**Section 3.** In accordance with North Carolina General Statute 166A-19.31, the City of Winston-Salem can enact a variety of different restrictions and/or prohibitions, as this evolving situation warrants.

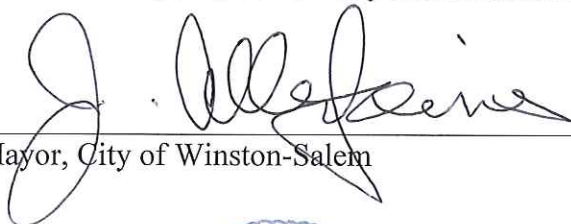
**Section 4.** I, hereby, request that all residents, visitors, businesses, and establishments within the City of Winston-Salem follow any and all directives and recommendations set forth by the North Carolina Governor's Office, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, and the Forsyth County Department of Public Health.

**Section 5.** I, hereby, order all City law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to the City's control, to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable federal, state, and local laws rules, regulations, and ordinances, and the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Emergency Operations Plan.

**Section 6.** I, hereby, order this declaration: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be filed with the City Secretary; and (c) to be distributed to others, as necessary, to ensure proper implementation of this Declaration.

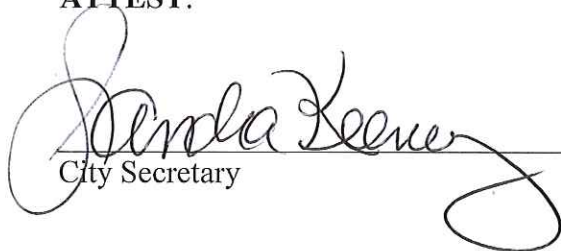
**Section 7.** This Declaration shall take effect on March 13, 2020, at 7:00 PM, and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

**DECLARED,** this, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, at 7:00 PM



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Mayor, City of Winston-Salem

**ATTEST:**

  
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City Secretary