

**BOROUGH  
PENNSYLVANIA**

**CHESTER HEIGHTS**

**DELAWARE COUNTY,**

**PROCLAMATION OF  
DISASTER EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS, the** novel coronavirus (now known as “COVID – 19) emerged in Wuhan, China, and began infecting humans in December, 2019, and has since spread in 89 countries including the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** the World Health Organization had declared COVID – 19 to be a pandemic and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“**CDC**”) has declared COVID-19, a public health emergency of international concern” and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (“**HHS**” ) Secretary has declared COVID -19 creates a public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS,** on February 1, 2020, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Department of Health activated its Department Operations Center at the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency’s headquarters to conduct public health and medical coordination for COVID-19 throughout the Commonwealth:  
and

**WHEREAS,** on March 6, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (“**Commonwealth**”), Thomas Wolf. Signed a *DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY* (the **Commonwealth Disaster Declaration**)” in response to the report of 1629 cases reported cases of COVID-19 reported to the Center of Disease Control ( “**CDC**”) in the United States including as of March 14 , 2020 , there are 45 presumed positive cases in the Commonwealth and 6 in Delaware County ; and

**WHEREAS,** this threat of imminent disaster and emergency situation throughout the Commonwealth posed by COVID-19 is of such magnitude and severity as to render

**FURTHER**, pursuant to Borough Code 10A06 (b) (5) (i) – (v), I hereby reasonably restrict activities and entry and departure by persons into the Borough Office located at 222 Llewelyn Road, Chester Heights, during business hours, other than the Borough’s elected or appointed officials, employees and consultants and subject to the guidance of the EMC.


**FURTHER**, all Borough purchases of supplies or services in response to this emergency are hereby authorized to utilize emergency procurement procedures.

**FURTHER**, the EMC is authorized to use all available resources and personnel in all reasonable manner he deems necessary during this emergency to assist him in addressing the consequences of the emergency.

**FURTHER**, I hereby direct that the applicable Emergency Operations Plan of the Borough (EOP”) be activated as necessary and appropriate and that actions taken to implement the EOP be coordinated through the EMC.

**FURTHER**, in accordance with the Commonwealth Disaster Declaration and to the extent allowed by law, I authorize the EMC and Borough Council President to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency.

**THIS DECLARATION** shall take effect immediately and remain in effect for seven (7) days or otherwise extended or modified by Resolution by Council or cancelled by official action of Council.



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Fred Wood

Mayor

Attest

DATE: March 16, 2020 / 7:25

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