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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY – COVID-19

WHEREAS, the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a highly contagious and potentially fatal respiratory disease, the prevalence of which is increasing rapidly throughout the world, inclusive of the United States and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization designated the COVID-19 outbreak a Pandemic Health Emergency; and

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 and determined that immediate public action is needed to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage to public health, safety, or general welfare of the people of commonwealth and/or property which may otherwise result from the above described emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has recommended that a State of Emergency be declared in local communities; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States announced a national declaration of emergency; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of the people of City of Woburn; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Woburn, Massachusetts, in consultation and with the concurrence of the City's Health Agent, Police Chief Robert J. Rufo, Jr. and Emergency Management Director Fire Chief Stephen Adgate, has determined that the COVID-19 pandemic poses a clear and present danger to public health, safety, and the general welfare of the people of Woburn or their property so that it has become necessary for the Mayor and others to utilize and coordinate services, equipment, supplies, and facilities of existing departments, offices, and agencies or the community, both locally, regionally, statewide and nationally, if necessary, including the taking of ordinary and extraordinary actions for the purposes of emergency management and emergency functions to protect the public; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic has resulted in a public health emergency with serious public safety impacts, and a Declaration of Emergency is needed to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage to public health, safety, or general welfare of the people of Woburn and/or property which may otherwise result from the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the people of the community of Woburn should be able to depend upon guidance from the Mayor, Public Safety Heads and its other elected and appointed officials to take all necessary and reasonable actions to respond to and corral the spread of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Woburn; and

WHEREAS, declaration of a local state of emergency will enable the City to more promptly access and fully secure all state and federal funding that may be available now or in the future to help pay for the cost of Woburn's response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, including, without limitation, funding and reimbursement that may be available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"); and

WHEREAS, declaration of a local state of emergency, will provide the Mayor and public health and safety personnel with a further resource to help the City manage and respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Woburn and support the issuance of further orders to effectuate this Declaration of Emergency and otherwise to preserve public health, safety and welfare as the COVID-19 Pandemic evolves;

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor of the City of Woburn, Massachusetts, hereby declares that effective as of **March 10, 2020**, the date of Governor Baker's declaration of a State of Emergency within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a State of Emergency is hereby declared to exist in Woburn, and hereby authorizes, under his direction and the direction of the public safety heads, all City personnel and agents to take all those actions necessary and appropriate to respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic and hereby ratifies, confirms and adopts any related action taken prior to the formal adoption of this Declaration. This Declaration of Emergency shall remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to the Mayor's judgment, that this State of Emergency no longer exists.

SIGNED THIS 31st DAY OF MARCH, 2020



Scott D. Galvin, Mayor