

CITY OF ALTOONA

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on or about March 16, 2020 a novel coronavirus (now known as "COVID-19") emerged in Wuhan, China, began infecting humans in December 2019, and has since spread to 89 countries, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, while it is anticipated that a high percentage of those affected by COVID-19 will experience mild influenza-like symptoms, COVID-19 is a disease capable of causing severe symptoms or loss of life, particularly to older populations and those individuals with pre-existing conditions; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, as a result of the imminent threat to the health of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania posed by COVID-19, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf issued a proclamation of disaster emergency; and

WHEREAS, this threat of imminent disaster and emergency has the potential to cause significant adverse impacts upon the population of the City of Altoona, including possible loss of life; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents in City of Altoona:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the undersigned City Manager of the City of Altoona, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 PA C.S., Section 7501), as amended, do hereby proclaim the existence of a disaster emergency in the City of Altoona

FURTHER, I direct the City of Altoona Emergency Management Coordinator 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 emergency.

STILL FURTHER, I authorize officials of the City of Altoona to act as necessary to meet the current demands of this emergency, namely: by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

This Proclamation shall take effect immediately.



3/16/2020

(City Manager)

Attest: 

Date: 3/16/2020

(City Clerk)