

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, as novel coronavirus (known as “COVID-19”) emerged in Wuhan, China, began infecting humans in December 2019, and has since spread to 114 countries, including the United States, and more specifically, residents of Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic and is “deeply concerned both by the alarming levels of spread and severity”; 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 preexisting conditions; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to prepare for and respond to suspected or confirmed cases in the Commonwealth and to implement measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the possible increased threat from COVID-19 constitutes a threat of imminent disaster to the health of the citizens of Lansdale Borough; and

WHEREAS, this threat of imminent disaster and emergency has the potential to cause significant adverse impacts upon the population throughout Lansdale Borough; and

WHEREAS, this threat of imminent disaster and emergency has already caused schools, pre-schools, daycare centers, YMCAs, and other places of entertainment to close; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 has endangered the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Lansdale Borough, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than Lansdale Borough may be able to resolve; 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 Lansdale Borough:


NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Lansdale Borough, and as Council President of Lansdale Borough Council, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 (b) of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code. 35 Pa. C.S.A. 7101 *et seq.* and Section 10A06(b) of the Borough Code, I hereby declare the existence of a public health local disaster emergency in Lansdale Borough, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

FURTHER, Borough Departments may, in conjunction with the Borough Emergency Management Coordinator, suspend such regulatory requirements deemed necessary to respond to this disaster emergency and to conduct Borough Business.

FURTHER, the Lansdale Borough Emergency Management Coordinator is directed to coordinate the activities of the emergency response in coordination with Montgomery County emergency management officials, and take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this public health local disaster emergency as permitted by law and in accordance with Chapter 37 of the Lansdale Borough Code.

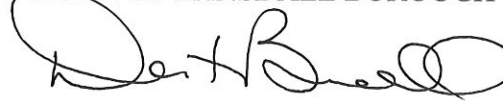
FURTHER, this Proclamation shall take effect immediately and shall continue to the extent as permitted by law.

MAYOR:



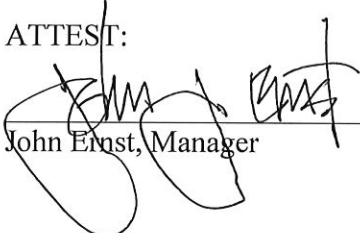
Garry Herbert, Mayor

COUNCIL OF LANSDALE BOROUGH



Denton Burnell, President

ATTEST:



John Ernst, Manager