



# TOWN OF WATERTOWN CONNECTICUT

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### DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

#### TOWN OF WATERTOWN

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut declared a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency for the State of Connecticut, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 19a-131 and 28-9, in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19 disease associated with a novel coronavirus that is currently affecting multiple countries and states; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency to combat the coronavirus that is currently infecting the population of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the effects the transmission of COVID-19 has resulted in the spread of infections in Connecticut and throughout the country, as well as resulting in shortages of personal protective equipment and other supplies that could jeopardize public safety and civil preparedness; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the issuance of declarations of a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency by the Governor of this State, and a national emergency by the President of the United States, and the spread of COVID-19 to residents of the State of Connecticut as a result of the global pandemic, Interim Town Manager John C. Gavallas, the Chief Executive of the Town of Watertown by virtue of Section 501 of the Watertown Charter, hereby finds that a state of emergency now exists in the Town of Watertown; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the significant danger to public health posed by the spread of COVID-19 and shortages of supplies and equipment necessary to protect the public health and safety, the Town Manager must take action for the purpose of ensuring civil preparedness and mitigating the effects of this public health emergency situation upon the residents of the Town of Watertown.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8(a), 28-1(8), and 28-22, and Chapter 10, Article III, Sections 10-40 et seq. of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Watertown, that a state of emergency now exists in the Town of Watertown; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that, during the existence of said emergency, the Chief Executive of the Town of Watertown, Connecticut, Interim Town Manager John C. Gavallas, shall assume the powers, functions and duties prescribed and provided by law, including but not limited to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8(a), 28-1(8), and 28-22,

and Chapter 10, Article III, Sections 10-40 et seq. of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Watertown, and may take such action as necessary to protect the public health and mitigate this emergency; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED**, that this state of emergency shall remain in effect until May 30, 2020 unless terminated sooner or extended by further order of the Interim Town Manager; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED**, that this order shall be available for review and inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Watertown during regular business hours and shall be posted on the Town website.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 16th day of March 2020, at 11:59 a.m. (time)

  
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John C. Gavallas

Attested:   
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Paul R. Jessell  
Town Attorney