



FREDERICK

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

**THE CITY OF FREDERICK
EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 20-1
DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, an outbreak of disease ("COVID-19") caused by the novel coronavirus occurred in Hubei province, China, in late 2019, and has currently been detected in more than 89 countries, including the United States;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a serious respiratory disease, resulting in illness or death, caused by the person-to-person spread of the novel coronavirus, which was not previously found in humans;

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus, as a viral agent capable of causing extensive loss of life or serious disability, is a deadly agent;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have declared the COVID-19 outbreak a "public health emergency of international concern";

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has declared that COVID-19 creates a public health emergency;

WHEREAS, the CDC has issued guidance to all state and local governments, and all citizens, recommending preparedness to prevent community spread and guard against the potential of a COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, as of March 13, 2020, the CDC found that COVID-19 has infected individuals in 46 states and the District of Columbia, and resulted in a total of 1,629 confirmed and presumed positive cases in the United States, including 41 deaths;

WHEREAS, the transmission of the novel coronavirus in the state, including the potential transmission within the City of Frederick, is a threat to human health;

WHEREAS, the person-to-person spread modeled by the CDC and WHO indicates that extensive loss of life or serious disability is threatened imminently in the State of Maryland because of the likely transmission of the novel coronavirus;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a public health catastrophe and public emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, Governor Hogan issued a proclamation asserting that effective immediately, a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency exists within the entire State of Maryland;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Hogan issued an order extending certain licenses, permits, registrations, and other governmental authorizations, and authorizing suspension of legal time requirements;

WHEREAS, the Maryland Annotated Code, Public Safety Article, § 14-111, allows the principal executive officer to declare a local state of emergency;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the City's Charter, the Mayor is the principal executive officer of the City;

WHEREAS, the impending threat to the City of Frederick by COVID-19 is a catastrophic health emergency requiring the City of Frederick to deploy resources and implement the emergency powers of the Mayor to protect the health and safety of city residents; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of a local emergency at this time will aid the City in the response and recovery aspects of the City's emergency plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FREDERICK, MARYLAND, that:

1. A state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency exists within the City of Frederick.
2. Staffing of City government offices and agencies will be at minimum levels, as nonessential employees have been directed to telework or otherwise remain at home. As a result, access to City facilities and services will be limited for the duration of the emergency. Residents are encouraged to consult the City's website or contact individual departments for more detailed information about specific departments, staff, or meetings.
3. The expiration date of licenses, permits, registrations, and other authorizations issued by the City are extended in accordance with the March 12, 2020 order of the Governor as described in the recitals set forth above.
4. This declaration will be given prompt and general publicity and a copy will be filed promptly with the City's Legislative Clerk and with the Division of Emergency Management of the Maryland Department of Local Affairs.
5. This declaration shall be effective immediately upon its issuance and shall remain in effect until it is lifted by executive order of the Mayor or continued by the Board of Aldermen.

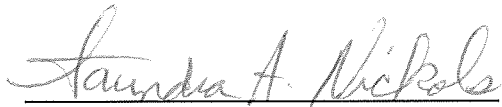
Dated at FREDERICK, MARYLAND, this 13th day of March, in the year of 2020, at 3:45 p.m.

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Michael C. O'Connor

Mayor, The City of Frederick

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sandra A. Nichols", written over a horizontal line.

City Attorney