DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the so-called 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 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) 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

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

WHEREAS, The City of Medford, by and through Her Honor the Mayor and the Board of Health, in consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health have determined that COVID-19 presents a major disaster which poses an immediate threat to public health, safety, and general welfare of people residing both within and outside of the City of Medford; and

WHEREAS, Her Honor the Mayor and the Medford Board of Health have determined that immediate public action is needed in order to prevent or minimize the spread and acquisition of COVID-19 by and among the people of the City of Medford; 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 the City of Medford; and

WHEREAS, declaring a state of emergency will facilitate and expedite the use of resources to protect persons from the impacts of the spread of COVID-19, including but not limited-to emergency expenditures pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 31 and limitations on operating hours and access to public buildings; and
WHEREAS, Her Honor the Mayor and the Medford Board of Health recommended that state of emergency be declared in the City of Medford.

NOW THEREFORE, we, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn and the Board of Health of the City of Medford, Massachusetts, hereby declare that as of March 16, 2020, a state of emergency exists in the City of Medford. This declaration of emergency shall remain in effect until further notice is given, pursuant to our judgment that the conditions leading to this declaration no longer exists.

Date: 3/16/20

Breanna Lungo-Koehn
Her Honor the Mayor
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