



DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, it is determined that the viral disease COVID-19, has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization, and a public health emergency by the U.S. Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf; is of serious concern to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Allegheny County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, more specifically, as there is no vaccine for COVID-19 and reported incidents of this disease are increasing, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and elsewhere, there are no predictions for when the spread of this virus will peak; the COVID 19 coronavirus constitutes a present, immediate and existing emergency which could not have reasonably been foreseen; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has and will pose a danger to the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of residents of Forest Hills Borough, causing a substantial damage and suffering to the residents and property of Forest Hills Borough; and

WHEREAS, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have created problems greater in scope than Forest Hills 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 effected residents of Forest Hills Borough,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frank Porco, Mayor of the Borough of Forest Hills 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 Forest Hills Borough

FURTHER, I, Frank Porco, Mayor of the Borough of Forest Hills direct the Forest Hills 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.

FURTHER, for this reason, I, Frank Porco, Mayor of the Borough of Forest Hills, authorize the officials of Forest Hills Borough to act as necessary to meet the current demands of this emergency, namely 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, such that, to the extent required, normal time-consuming procurement procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, are waived for those products and services that are found to be necessary; bids may be solicited by telephone or other means from known suppliers, as is practical under the circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this Declaration of Emergency shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as the Declaration is terminated in writing by the Mayor of Forest Hills.



Frank Porco, Mayor

4-9-2020

Date