A PROCLAMATION DECLARING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a novel strain of the coronavirus, was detected in December, 2019, and has subsequently spread throughout numerous countries and the United States, including Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, international organizations, the federal, state, and local governments are all working together to contain COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, citing the World Health Organization's declaration of a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services declaration of a Public Health Emergency, the Governor of the State of Wisconsin has proclaimed that a Public Health Emergency exists for the State of Wisconsin, by Executive Order #72 on March 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin has been working to protect the community from the spread of this disease, and to prepare for the impacts it may have; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health and well-being of residents and visitors, the City of Franklin must avail itself of all resources needed to respond to and contain the presence of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Stephen R. Olson, Mayor of the City of Franklin, Wisconsin, on behalf of all of the Citizens of Franklin and the staff of City government, hereby declare, as follows:

- 1. There does now exist within the City of Franklin a public health emergency, as defined in Wis. Stat. § 323.02(16), and as such, I hereby declare a Public Health Emergency within the City of Franklin, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.11, due to an imminent threat of conditions that will impair transportation, food or fuel supplies, medical care, fire, health or police protection, or other critical systems of the City.
- 2. During the existence of said declared Public Health Emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the emergency management organization of the City of Franklin shall be those prescribed by state law, and by Franklin ordinances and resolutions, the City of Franklin Emergency Operations Plan, and Franklin's Comprehensive Emergency Management Program.
- 3. All City of Franklin Departments shall, as necessary and appropriate, work cooperatively with internal and external stakeholders and take all necessary and

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appropriate measures to prevent and respond to incidents of COVID-19 in the community.

- 4. The City of Franklin Fire Chief, as the City of Franklin Emergency Manager shall implement the City of Franklin Emergency Operations Plan, coordinate the City's response to the existing Emergency, and coordinate with County and State emergency management personnel as required by law. The City of Franklin Director of Health and Human Services/Health Officer, as an Incident Commander for the Public Health Emergency, will serve in conjunction with the Emergency Manager, and shall serve as the Public Information Officer during the term of this Emergency.
- 5. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.11, this Proclamation Declaring a Public Health Emergency and the period of the emergency shall be in effect and in place for forty (40) days from the date hereof, subject to any future Common Council action by way of resolution, or in the event of the Common Council being unable to meet promptly, by way of proclamation by the Mayor, to reduce such effect and time period, or to extend same, or to amend the provisions hereof.
- 6. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.14(b), upon current facts, the Common Council of the City of Franklin is unable to meet promptly, and it is necessary and expedient that this Proclamation be declared accordingly, and further, that during the period of Public Health Emergency proclaimed hereunder, Common Council members may individually attend a meeting of the Common Council by way of telephone communication, and such telephone attendance is hereby authorized.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2020.