

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
FOR THE TOWN OF SOUTHBURY, CONNECTICUT**

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 an unknown number of Connecticut residents as a result of the global pandemic, the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Southbury, its First Selectman, hereby finds that a local state of emergency now exists in the Town of Southbury; and

WHEREAS, due to the significant danger to public health posed by the spread of COVID-19 and possible shortages of supplies and equipment necessary to protect the public health and safety, the First Selectman 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 Southbury.

WHEREAS, it is critically important that the First Selectman have all authorities necessary to limit the spread of the COVID-19 and protect public health and safety within the Town of Southbury; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2, Article I, Section 2-5 of the Town of Southbury Code of Ordinances, enacted pursuant to the Municipal Powers Act, C.G.S. § 7-148, and the civil preparedness and emergency management statutes, C.G.S. § 28-1 et seq., in order to preserve and protect the public health, public safety, general welfare, peace and security of the Town of Southbury, its residents and their property, empowers the First Selectman to declare the existence of a local state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, upon the declaration of a local state of emergency by the First Selectman is authorized, in consultation and coordination with the Police and Fire Departments, the Acting Director of Emergency Management, and the Area Coordinator for the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of Emergency Management

and Homeland Security, to take such action as he or she deems necessary to mitigate the emergency, including but not limited to expending public funds from appropriations made for such purposes; and the Town has public funds appropriated in a contingency fund as well as funds appropriated for the operations of its various departments and agencies available for such purposes;

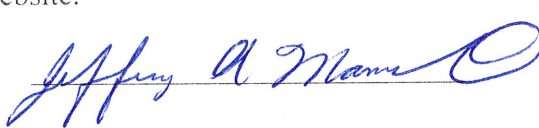
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8a(a), 28-1(8), and 28-22a, and Chapter 2, Article I, Section 2-5 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Southbury, that a state of local emergency now exists in the Town of Southbury; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCALIMED AND ORDERED, that during the existence of said emergency, the First Selectman of the Town of Southbury, as its Chief Executive Officer, 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 28-22a, and Chapter 2, Article I, Section 2-5 of the Town of Southbury Code of Ordinances, 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 in accordance with the terms of Chapter 2, Article I, Section 2-5 of the Town of Southbury Code of Ordinances, as currently in effect or as the same may be hereafter amended; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this order will be communicated to the Governor of the State of Connecticut and the Connecticut Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection within twenty-four (24) hours and shall be available for public review and inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Southbury during regular business hours and shall be posted on the Town website.

Dated: 3/17/2020



Chief Executive Officer

Attested: [Handwritten Signature]
Town Clerk