

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
FOR THE TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD, 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 Wethersfield, its Town Manager, hereby find that a local state of emergency has existed in the Town of Wethersfield since the Governor's announcement; 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 Town Manager 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 Wethersfield.

WHEREAS, it is critically important that the Chief Executive Officer have all authorities necessary to limit the spread of the COVID-19 and protect public health and safety within the Town of Wethersfield; and

WHEREAS, upon the declaration of a local state of emergency by the Chief Executive Officer, the Town Charter authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to obligate the Town in an amount of money necessary to cope with such emergency, and to do whatever he may deem necessary for the purpose of meeting the emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8a(a), 28-1(8), and 28-22a, Town Charter Section 404 and Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Wethersfield, it is hereby declared that a state of local emergency now exists in the Town of Wethersfield; and

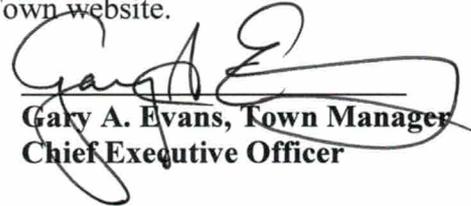
IT IS FURTHER PROCALIMED AND ORDERED, that during the existence of said emergency, the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Wethersfield, Connecticut, its Town Manager, Gary A. Evans, shall assume the powers, functions and duties prescribed and provided by law, including but not limited to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8(a), 28-1(8), and 28-22a, Charter Section 404 and Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Wethersfield, and may take such action as necessary to protect the public health and mitigate this emergency; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that the Emergency Operations Center is activated in accordance with Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances,

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that this state of emergency shall remain in effect until declared terminated; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this order shall be available for review and inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Wethersfield during regular business hours and shall be posted on the Town website.

Dated: April 1, 2020


Gary A. Evans, Town Manager
Chief Executive Officer

Attested: 
Dolores Sassano
Town Clerk

