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## DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 1, 2020 the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak began to spread through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. On or about March 11, 2020 the first confirmed case was announced in Northampton County. This pandemic outbreak threatens to cause injury—both physical & mental, damage—financial and societal, and long suffering to the persons and property of the Borough of Freemansburg, Northampton County, Pennsylvania.

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak has endangered the health, safety, and welfare of some, if not all, persons residing in and visiting the Borough of Freemansburg, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than the Borough of Freemansburg, may be able to resolve on its own; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this public health disaster and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all affected residents of the Borough of Freemansburg;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, the undersigned President of Borough Council of the Borough of Freemansburg, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 PA C.S., Section 7501), as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in the Borough of Freemansburg.

**FURTHER**, I direct the Borough of Freemansburg 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 maintaining essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency,

**STILL FURTHER**, I authorize officials of the Borough of Freemansburg to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, namely: by 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 works as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

This Declaration shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until further notice.

Homer G. Lorrh, Council President, Borough of Freemansburg

Attest: Justine A. Rossi, Assistant Borough Secretary