

# **PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI**

## **DECLARATION OF PUBLIC STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, Secretary Alex Azar of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, declared a public health emergency to address the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 5, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) Director General urged aggressive preparedness and activation of emergency plans to change the trajectory of this epidemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the WHO declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States declared the existence of an emergency related to the COVID-19 epidemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020 the Governor of the State of Missouri declared that a state of emergency exists in the State of Missouri related to the COVID-19 epidemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, as of March 17, 2020, the United States Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has reported that there have been 4,661 cases of COVID-19 in the United States including 98 deaths; and,

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is contagious and can be fatal; and,

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is continuing to spread within the State and region thereby placing in danger the lives and property of the people of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri; and,

**WHEREAS**, section 4.4(j) of the Charter of the City of Lee's Summit, authorizes the Mayor to exercise such other powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Charter, by ordinance or by law; and,

**WHEREAS**, section 10-2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri authorizes the Mayor to declare when a state of public emergency exists within the City.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, William A. Baird, Mayor of the City of Lee's Summit Missouri, do hereby declare that:

1. A Public State of Emergency exists in Lee's Summit, Missouri and hereby invoke and declare in full force and effect in Lee's Summit, Missouri, the provisions of section 10-2 of the Code of ordinances of the City of Lee's Summit and all laws and statutes of the State of Missouri, for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for the protection of the lives and property of the people of Lee's Summit, Missouri, and the continuity of local government with a minimum of interruption.
2. That pursuant to Chapter 44 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri and pertinent City Ordinances:
  - a. All public officers and employees of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in the execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives of both the State of Missouri and applicable local governmental bodies.
  - b. All employees, officers, and elected officials of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, are hereby directed to cooperate and coordinate with all appropriate local, state and national agencies responding to this public health emergency.

c. All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures and to cooperate with public officials and the City of Lee's Summit Emergency management agency forces and other governmental entities and to obey and comply with the lawful directives of properly identified public officials.

3. This declaration shall expire thirty (30) days from the date written herein below unless earlier terminated or further extended by written authorization of the Mayor of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Lee's Summit at 5:56 o'clock PM, on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020

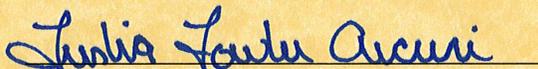
CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI



MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD



Attest:

  
City Clerk *Trisha Fowler Arcuri*