BOROUGH OF WEST READING,
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WEST READING, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, EXTENDING THE LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH ON MARCH 17, 2020, AS EXTENDED BY RESOLUTION OF BOROUGH COUNCIL ON AUGUST 18, 2020.

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus known as "COVID-19" emerged in Wuhan, China, began infecting humans in December 2019, and has since spread to eighty-nine (89) countries, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the impact of COVID-19 on the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on March 28, 2020 the Governor of Pennsylvania issued a stay-at-home order for certain counties in Pennsylvania, including Berks County, restricting movement to certain health or safety-related travel, or travel to a job at an employer designated by the Governor's administration as "life-sustaining"; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 Andrew Kearney, the Mayor of the Borough ("Mayor"), issued a Proclamation of Local Disaster Emergency ("Proclamation") pursuant to the provisions of Subsection 10A06(b) of the Pennsylvania Borough Code, 8 Pa.C.S.A. §§101, et seq., as amended, and Subsection 7501(b) of the Pennsylvania Emergency and the Pennsylvania Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. § 7101, et seq., as amended, and authorized Nicholas Imbesi, the Borough Manager ("Borough Manager"), or his designee, for a period of seven (7) days from the date of the Proclamation, to assume command and control of all Borough emergency operations, and authorized and directed that all Borough departments and agencies utilize all available resources and personnel as is deemed necessary by the Borough Manager from time to time to cope with this emergency situation, for such length of time as may be necessary to respond to this emergency situation, in order to activate the response and recovery aspects of the West Reading Pandemic Response Plan and any and all other applicable local emergency management and emergency response plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Subsection 7501(b) of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. § 7101, et seq., as amended, the Proclamation was extended through September 15, 2020 by Resolution of Borough Council dated August 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Subsection 7501(b) of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. § 7101, et seq., as amended, the Proclamation may be further extended by resolution of Borough Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Borough Council of the Borough of West Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the authority of the same, that the Proclamation, and all rights granted therein, be extended until the regularly scheduled meeting of Borough Council on October 20, 2020, at which time the Proclamation may be extended by Borough Council if deemed necessary by Borough Council, unless sooner terminated by action of Borough Council.

RESOLVED at a duly constituted meeting of Borough Council this 15th day of September, 2020.

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By: _____
Jack Gombach
President of Borough Council

Attest: _____
Nicholas Imbesi, Borough Manager

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Examined and approved this 15th day of September, 2020.

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Andrew Kearney, Mayor