BOROUGH OF WEST READING,
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-17

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 25, 2023

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 24, 2023, an explosion occurred at 55 S. 2nd Avenue, West Reading, Berks County Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the disaster has endangered the health, safety and welfare of a number of persons residing and working in the Borough of West Reading ("Borough"), and threatens to create problems greater in scope than the Borough may be able to resolve; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to prepare for and to be ready to respond to emergencies in the Borough by implementing measures to mitigate potential issues and to permit the Borough to be eligible for any and all federal, state and county disaster emergency funds that may become available; and

WHEREAS, Samantha Kaag, the Mayor of the Borough ("Mayor"), issued a Proclamation of Local Disaster Emergency on March 25, 2023 ("Proclamation") pursuant to the authority granted to the Mayor by 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, directing the Borough 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 the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response actions deemed necessary to respond to this emergency, and authorizing officials of the Borough of West Reading 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 work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to these time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Subsection 10A06(b) of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 8 Pa. C.S. § § 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, the Proclamation may be extended by resolution of Borough Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Borough Council, and IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the authority of the same, that the Proclamation, and all rights granted therein, be extended until the next regularly scheduled meeting of Borough Council on August 20, 2024, at which time the Proclamation may be extended by Borough Council if deemed necessary by Borough Council.

RESOLVED at a duly constituted meeting of Borough Council this 16th day of July 2024.

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By: _____
Ryan Lineaweaver, President of Borough Council

By: _____
Philip Wert, Vice President of Borough Council

By: _____
Patrick Kaag, Council Pro-Tem

By: N/A
Bethany Bower, Council Member

By: _____
Zanna Leiendecker, Council Member

By: _____
Denise Drobnick, Council Member

By: _____
Zachary Shaver, Council Member

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Attest: _____
Cynthia Madeira, Borough Secretary

Examined and approved this 16th day of July 2024.

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Samantha Kaag, Mayor