



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MARCH 20, 2020 DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

- WHEREAS,** the City of Columbia (“City”), Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois is a duly created, organized and validly existing municipality of the State of Illinois under the 1970 Illinois Constitution and the laws of the State of Illinois, including particularly the Illinois Municipal Code, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; and
- WHEREAS,** on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 to be a public health emergency of international concern and on March 11, 2020 declared a worldwide pandemic; and
- WHEREAS,** on January 31, 2020, the Secretary of the United States Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency for the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** the Governor of the State of Illinois has issued a disaster proclamation on March 9, 2020 due to the impact of the COVID-19 virus and has activated the State Emergency Operations Center; and
- WHEREAS,** the State Emergency Management Agency has declared a public health emergency due to the impact of the COVID-19 virus; and
- WHEREAS,** the City Administration has coordinated its response with other City governmental entities; and
- WHEREAS,** 20 ILCS 3305/10 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act and Section 2.60 of the Columbia Municipal Code provides the Mayor of the City certain emergency authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON, Mayor of the City of Columbia, pursuant to authority granted to me by Title 2 of the Columbia Municipal Code, and relevant provisions of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, do hereby declare the existence of a civil emergency in the City of Columbia.

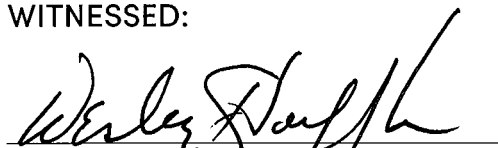
- A. Description of Emergency.** The emergency is related to the COVID-19 virus which is causing or anticipated to cause widespread impacts on the health of members of the community. In this matter, I am relying upon each and every matter recited in the preamble hereto, which is hereby incorporated by reference.
- B. Exercise of Authority.** The Mayor shall exercise the authority vested in him through the Office of the City Administrator, who shall work in consultation with the Chief of Police and Director of Emergency Management.
- C. Additional Orders.** In accordance with Chapter 2.60.040 of the Columbia Municipal Code, and in observance of Illinois Governor JB Pritzker’s directive, residents of the City are hereby asked to remain in their homes. All City facilities will remain open for services, but are hereby closed to the public.

- D. **Duration.** This order shall be effective for a period of seven (7) days, at which time the Corporate Authorities shall convene (Friday, March 27, 2020 at 4:30 pm).
- E. **Posting.** In accordance with Chapter 2.60.060 of the Columbia Municipal Code, the Chief of Police is hereby ordered to notify the news media situated within the City, and shall cause copies of the declaration to be posted at the following places within the City:
 - 1. City Hall
 - 2. United States Post Office
 - 3. Police Station

THIS DECLARATION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE AT 4:30 PM ON THE 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020.


 KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON, Mayor

WITNESSED:

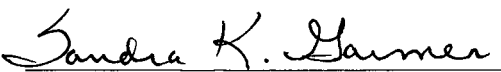

 WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, City Clerk

(SEAL)

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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 SS. COUNTY OF MONROE)

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT Kevin B. Hutchinson, personally known to me to be the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois and personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and severally acknowledged that as such Mayor, Kevin B. Hutchinson signed and delivered the said instrument as Mayor and caused the corporate seal of said Municipal Corporation to be affixed thereto, pursuant to authority, given by the Corporate Authorities of said corporation as their free and voluntary act. And as the free and voluntary act and deed of said corporation, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 20th day of March, 2020.


 Notary Public

