

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Laurence D. Keller

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on or about March 14, 2020 a Coronavirus Pandemic known as COVID-19 has caused or threatens to cause illness, and/or suffering to the persons and first responders of the Borough of New Hope, Bucks County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Pandemic has or threatens to endanger the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons and first responders in the Borough of New Hope, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than the Borough of New Hope, Bucks County, Pennsylvania may be able to resolve; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected persons and first responders in the Borough of New Hope, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the undersigned Mayor for the Borough of New Hope, Bucks County, Pennsylvania pursuant to the Authority granted under the Statutes and Administrative Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including but not limited to Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 Pa.C.S. §7501) (“Code”), as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a public health local disaster emergency in the Borough of New Hope, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

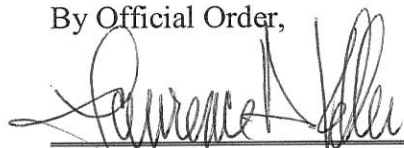
FURTHER, I direct the New Hope Emergency Management Coordinator or his designee to coordinate and oversee the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

MOREOVER, I authorize officials of the Borough of New Hope 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 those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

FURTHERMORE, under the Code, the Governor may issue, amend, and rescind executive orders, proclamations and regulations which shall have the force and effect of law for a period of ninety (90) days, or as renewed or until terminated by the Governor, or until terminated by the General Assembly. 35 Pa.C.S. §7301(b) and (c). **Accordingly, I wish to advise the public that the New Hope Borough Police Department (“Department”) will enforce any executive order, proclamation, or regulation regarding mandatory closures or other mandatory directives issued by the Governor under the Code in connection with this present public health local disaster emergency within the Department’s jurisdiction and to the fullest extent permitted by law, including but not limited to, any mandatory closures of schools, non-essential businesses or other such declarations as proclaimed by the Governor during the local emergency disaster period.**

This Declaration shall be in effect from 11:00 A.M. on March 20, 2020 to 11:00 A.M. on March 27, 2020.

By Official Order,

 MARCH 20, 2020

Laurence D. Keller

Date

Mayor New Hope Borough

