



Town Manager's Office

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EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020 the Governor of the Commonwealth declared a State of Emergency for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to facilitate and expedite the use of Commonwealth resources and deployment of federal and interstate resources to protect persons from the impacts of the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and;

WHEREAS, I, Michael M. Dutton, Town Manager of the City known as the Town of Bridgewater, on March 15, 2020 believe that the impending dangers inherent in the spread of COVID-19 to the Town of Bridgewater create a condition of extreme peril to life and property, and,

WHEREAS, as Town Manager of the City known as the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, I find that the impending dangers anticipated to affect the Town of Bridgewater require the formal activation of the Emergency Operations Plan, and upon advice from the Director of the community's Department of Emergency Management and the Emergency Management Team, have determined that the COVID-19 virus poses a present, reasonable and imminent danger to public health, safety, or general welfare of the people of Town of Bridgewater or their property so that it has become necessary for the Director to utilize and coordinate the services, equipment, supplies, and facilities of existing departments, offices, and agencies or the community for the purposes of emergency management and emergency functions; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has determined that the immediate public action is needed to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage to public health, safety, or general welfare of the people of Bridgewater or the property which may otherwise result from the COVID-19 virus and that taking the time required to comply with the various state and local procurement laws would endanger the health or safety of the people or their property, and;

WHEREAS, the people of the community should be able to depend upon guidance from their Chief Municipal Official,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael M. Dutton, Town Manager of the City known as the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, hereby declare that as of **7:30 p.m., Sunday, March 15, 2020**, a State of Emergency exists in the City known as the Town of Bridgewater. This Declaration of Emergency shall remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to my judgment that the State of Emergency no longer exists.

Date: March 15, 2020

MICHAEL M. DUTTON, TOWN MANAGER
City known as the **TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER**

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