

Declaration of Disaster Emergency

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus known as 'COVID-19' has been declared a "public health emergency of international concern" by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC);

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, Donald Trump, has declared a National Emergency under the Stafford Act;

WHEREAS, through a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency by Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf, the Pennsylvania Department of Health declared COVID-19 a public health emergency;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has the potential to place Prospect Borough in a significant public health emergency;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 has the potential to endanger the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Prospect Borough and threatens to create problems greater in scope than Prospect Borough may be able to resolve;

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of such disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents and businesses in Prospect;

WHEREAS, this threat of imminent disaster and emergency has the potential to cause significant adverse impacts upon the population, schools, businesses, local government services and others throughout Prospect.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor of Prospect, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 PA C.S., Section 7501), as amended, does hereby declare the existence of an emergency in Prospect Borough;

FURTHER, I direct the Borough officials to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate actions needed to alleviate the effects of this emergency, to aid in the restoration of normal daily proceedings, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency; and

STILL FURTHER, we authorize officials of Prospect Borough 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.

This Declaration shall take effect immediately.

James Butler, Mayor

Attest: Dum M Sminide Date: 4/24/2020