

PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF BUTLER,
BUTLER COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”) Secretary have declared COVID-19 a “public health emergency;” and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a National Emergency in response to the COVID-19 worldwide outbreak; and,

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Governor Wolf declared a State of Emergency and closed all schools and non-essential businesses in the Commonwealth; and,

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Butler County Commissioners declared a State of Emergency for Butler County in response to the COVID-19 worldwide outbreak; and,

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Mayor and City Council held an emergency meeting at which they joined President Trump, Governor Wolf and the Butler County Commissioners in declaring a State of Emergency within the City of Butler and implementing several measures to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents and visitors; and,

WHEREAS, as additional information regarding the threat COVID-19 comes available, the Mayor and City Council have authorized and implemented further measures to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents and visitors; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Butler will need the help and cooperation of its residents and visitors, along with the assistance of the Federal and Commonwealth Agencies, to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 and to assist with the City's emergency response to the pandemic. These Agencies include but are not limited to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, HHS, and the CDC; and,

WHEREAS, City Council has joined the Mayor and approved the within Proclamation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council for the City of Butler, Butler County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to the powers and authority vested in them pursuant to Chapter 112 - Mayor of the Third Class City Code, *11 Pa.C.S.A. §11203* and the provisions of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, *35 Pa.C.S.A. §7101 et seq.*, hereby declare and affirm a State of Emergency for the City of Butler, Butler County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

All elected official and employees of the City of Butler are directed to work with the proper County officials to seek the assistance of all appropriate Federal and Commonwealth Agencies to address the needs of the City, its resident and visitors.

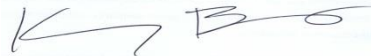
The City Building shall be closed to the public and all City employees are directed to avoid non-essential contact with the public and their coworkers. Non-essential contact is intended to mean contact that is not necessary for the performance of employees' respective job responsibilities for the City of Butler.

All City parks, playgrounds and recreational facilities are closed to use, except for individual and small group (five or less persons) walking, jogging, biking or similar activities. Use of the playground equipment and other facilities is prohibited because such use will result in physical contact by multiple individuals with no means of cleaning or disinfecting the equipment or facilities.

This PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY shall take effect immediately, shall be continuously renewed, and shall remain in effect unless and until it is terminated by act of the City Council of the City of Butler.



Mayor Ben Smith



Councilman Kenny Bonus



Councilman Michael Walter



Councilman Bob Dandoy



Councilman Jeff Smith