Declaration of Local State of Emergency

At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Millbury on March 24, 2020, the Board voted as follows:

WHEREAS, the disease caused by the 2019 novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") is a contagious, and at times fatal, respiratory disease, spreading throughout the world;

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued a Declaration of a State of Emergency to Respond to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak;

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Millbury, in consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Board of Health of the Town of Millbury, has determined that the COVID-19 outbreak presents a major disaster which poses an immediate threat to the health and safety of people;

WHEREAS, Board of Selectmen of the Town of Millbury, has determined that immediate public action is needed in order to prevent or minimize the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, declaring a local state of emergency will facilitate and expedite the use of resources to protect persons from the impacts of COVID-19, including but not limited to emergency expenditures pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 31, and allow for limitations on operating hours and access to public buildings and such other measures as may be necessary to prevent or minimize the spread of COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Millbury hereby declares that effective as of March 10, 2020, the date of the Governor's declaration of a State of Emergency within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a local state of emergency exists in the Town of Millbury. This declaration shall remain in effect until further notice is given, pursuant to the judgment of the Board of Selectmen that the conditions leading to this declaration no longer exist.

DATED: March 24, 2020

Jon Adams, Chair
Millbury Board of Selectmen

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