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**CITY OF FRANKLIN EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION
MARCH 17, 2020**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and can be easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports:
190,124 cases of COVID-19 in the world, resulting in 7,516 deaths
5,204 cases of COVID-19 in the United States and 92 deaths
50 cases of COVID-19 in the State of Ohio, impacting 12 counties and 0 deaths; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health announced confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the State of Ohio, creating a dangerous condition that may affect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, on that same date, Governor Mike DeWine declared a state of emergency for the entire State to protect the well-being of the citizens of Ohio from the dangerous effects of COVID-19, and to assist in protecting the lives, safety, and health of the citizens of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 endangers the lives of the citizens of Franklin, creating an emergency to life and public safety and disrupting commerce.

Now, therefore, the Mayor and City Manager of the City of Franklin declare that a state of emergency exists in the City of Franklin and hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Ohio Revised Code which are applicable to the emergency and have caused the issuance of this proclamation to be in full force and effect in the City of Franklin for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection of the lives and property of the people of Franklin and the continuation of local government with a minimum of interruption.

Reference is hereby made to all appropriate laws, charter provisions, statutes, ordinances and resolutions, and particularly to the Emergency Management provisions contained in Ohio Revised Code Section 5502.

All public offices and employees of the City of Franklin are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives – state and local.

All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and in executing emergency operational plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful direction of properly identified officers.

All operating forces should direct their communications and requests and new operations directly to the City Manager.

We have signed this Emergency Declaration this 17th day of March, 2020, and it shall take effect immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until the emergency no longer exists, such time to be determined by the City Manager, in consultation with the Mayor.



Brent Centers
Mayor of the City of Franklin, Ohio
March 17, 2020



Sonny Lewis
City Manager of the City of Franklin, Ohio
March 17, 2020