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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") is a severe acute respiratory disease that appears to occur through respiratory transmission, presents with similar symptoms to those of influenza, and can lead to serious illness or death, particularly in the case of older adults and persons with serious chronic medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has recommended that all states and territories implement aggressive measures to slow and contain transmission of COVID-19 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a public health emergency of international concern related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is frequently spread through close contact between persons and respiratory transmission; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, pursuant to the authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated § 58-2-107, the Governor of Tennessee, Bill Lee, issued Executive Order No. 14, declaring a state of emergency to facilitate the response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, declared a national state of emergency with respect to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to spread throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the Mutual Aid and Emergency and Disaster Assistance Agreement Act of 2004, Tennessee Code Annotated §§ 58-8-101 et seq., authorizes the mayor to declare a local state of emergency affecting such official's jurisdiction by executive order consistent and in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated § 58-2-110(3)(A)(v); and

WHEREAS, the declaration of a local state of emergency may entitle the City to cost reimbursement as provided in Tennessee Code Annotated § 58-8-111; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Randy Brundige, Mayor of the City of Martin, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by all applicable laws, including Tennessee Code Annotated § 58-2-110 and Tennessee Code Annotated § 58-8-104, do hereby declare a local state of emergency within the City and order the following:

Section 1. In order to protect public health, the City of Martin finds it is necessary to request assistance from the President, Governor, and the Tennessee Department of Health to address this public health emergency.

Section 2. All procedures and formalities otherwise required under the Martin Municipal Code, Martin ordinances, or Tennessee law pertaining to the following are hereby waived:

a. Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;
b. Entering into contracts;
c. Incurring obligations;
d. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
e. Utilization of volunteer workers;
f. Rental of equipment;
g. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities; and
h. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

Section 3. The City shall, to the extent possible and provided by law, follow CDC guidance as it relates to COVID-19. City approved events through the month of April are hereby cancelled or postponed.

Section 4. All residents, businesses, and organizations should, to the extent possible and practicable, follow CDC guidance as it relates to COVID-19 and social distancing.

Section 5. All residents, businesses, and organizations shall adhere to the provisions included in Executive Orders No. 17, 21, 22, and 23 attached hereto, issued by Governor Bill Lee.

Section 6. Notice of this Declaration will be promptly communicated to the City Council, and the Order will be filed with the Office of the City Recorder.

Section 7. This Declaration is valid and effective immediately for a period not to exceed seven days and may be incrementally extended for additional seven-day periods as deemed necessary.

Issued and ordered this the 8th day of January 2021, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 58-2-110 and Tennessee Code Annotated § 58-8-104.

Ordered this 8th day of January 2021.

Randy Brundige

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City of Martin, Mayor