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March 23, 2020

**TOWN OF WESTWOOD MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF HEALTH
DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, a sudden, generally unexpected occurrence of circumstances demanding public action has arisen within the world, country, state and the Town of Westwood due to the coronavirus pandemic.

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a national emergency due to this situation and has directed the agencies of the federal government to take appropriate actions; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has declared a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and declared and has directed the agencies of the state government to take appropriate actions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health, upon advice from advisors or their designees, has determined that the situation poses a present, reasonable and imminent danger to public health, safety, or general welfare of the people of Westwood or their property so that it has become necessary for the Town government to utilize and coordinate the services, equipment, supplies, and facilities of existing departments, offices, and agencies or the community, both locally, regionally, statewide and nationally, if necessary, including the taking of ordinary and extraordinary actions for the purposes of emergency management and emergency functions to protect the public; and

WHEREAS, a Declaration of Emergency and immediate action is needed to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage to public health, safety, or general welfare of the people of Westwood and/or property which may otherwise result from the above described situation;

NOW THEREFORE, the Town of Westwood Board of Health, hereby declares that as of March 23, 2020 a Public Health Emergency is declared to exist by the Board of Health and authorizes and directs, under the direction of the Town Administrator, all Town personnel and agents to take action appropriate to respond to this situation and ratifies, confirms and adopts any related action taken prior to the formal adoption of this Declaration by its Public Health Director and his staff. It is hereby further ordered that Jared Orsini as Director of Public Health shall serve as the agent of the Board of Health to effectuate the intent of this Order. This Declaration of a Public Health Emergency shall remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to the Board of Health's judgment and consideration of state and national guidance, that the Public Health Emergency no longer exists.


James O'Sullivan, J.D., Chairperson

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