DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on or about March 1, 2020, the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak began to spread through the Commonwealth of PA and on or about March 11, 2020 the first confirmed case was announced in Northampton County. This pandemic outbreak threatens to cause injury – both physical & mental, damage – financial and societal, and long suffering to the persons and property of Northampton Borough, Northampton County; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak has endangered the health, safety and welfare of some, it not all, persons residing in and visiting Northampton Borough, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than Northampton Borough may be able to resolve on its own; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this public health disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents in the Borough of Northampton;

NOW, THEREFORE, I the undersigned Mayor of Northampton Borough, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 PA CS), as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in Northampton Borough until further notice;

FURTHER, I direct the Northampton Borough Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in maintaining of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

STILL FURTHER, I authorize officials of Northampton Borough to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, namely; by the empowerment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

This Declaration shall take effect immediately.

[Signature]
Thomas D. Reenock, Mayor

Attest: [Signature]
LeRoy E. Brobst, Borough Manager

Date: April 8, 2020