

**DECLARATION NO. 2020-1**

**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE  
VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
(COVID-19 – MARCH 17, 2020)**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Mount Prospect (“Village”) is a home rule unit of local government as provided by Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people through respiratory transmissions, and present with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

**WHEREAS**, certain populations are at higher risk of experiencing more severe illness as a result of COVID-19, including older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes or lung disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village is continuing its efforts to prepare for any eventuality, given that this is a novel illness and given the known health risks it poses for the elderly and those with serious chronic medical conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared that COVID-19 presents a public health emergency on January 27, 2020, and the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a dangerous disease which has spread around the world, including in the United States, the State of Illinois and Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a direct and serious threat to the public’s health, safety and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of Illinois issued a disaster proclamation in the State of Illinois related to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners issued a disaster proclamation in Cook County, Illinois related to COVID-19; and

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

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a nationwide emergency under Section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 52 U.S.C. 5121, *et seq.*, related to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a contagious disease that is likely to cause loss of life and injuries, loss of productivity, hardship and suffering to persons residing in or doing business in and around the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 11-1-6 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-1-6) provides that the corporate authorities of the Village may grant the Mayor the extraordinary power and authority to exercise, by executive order during a state of emergency, such of the powers of the Village's corporate authorities as may be reasonably necessary to respond to the emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on Tuesday March 17, 2020, the Village Board adopted an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY SHOULD THE NEED ARISE AND AUTHORIZING PURCHASE CONTRACTS AS NECESSARY TO RESOLVE A STATE OF EMERGENCY WITHOUT PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT" authorizing the Mayor to declare a state of emergency in the Village pursuant to Section 11-1-6 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-1-6); and

**WHEREAS**, a declaration of a state of emergency in the Village is necessary in order to allow the Village to assist in preventing the loss of life and injuries, loss of productivity, hardship and suffering related to COVID-19;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED**, under oath by the Mayor of the Village of Mount Prospect, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION 1: Incorporation.** That the recitals above shall be and are incorporated in this Section 1 as if restated herein.

**SECTION 2: Declaration of a State of Emergency.** That a state of emergency is declared in the Village of Mount Prospect, Cook County, Illinois.

**SECTION 3: Executive Orders.** That the Mayor is authorized to exercise, by executive order, such powers of the Village Board as the Mayor deems reasonably necessary to allow the Village to respond to the emergency.

**SECTION 4: Procedures, Protocols and Regulations Subject to Suspension.** That the Village Manager shall present requests to the Mayor for approval of executive orders as described in Section 3 above. Executive orders may address any Village regulations reasonably necessary to allow the Village to respond to the emergency.

**SECTION 5: Duration.** That the state of emergency declared herein shall expire upon the expiration or termination of the Governor of the State of Illinois' disaster proclamation unless action to rescind is taken at the next regular meeting of the Village Board, which is currently scheduled for April 7, 2020, or upon withdrawal of this state of emergency declaration by the Mayor.

**SECTION 6: Filing.** That this state of emergency declaration shall be filed with the Village Clerk upon its execution by the Mayor.

*Arlene A. Juracek*  
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Arlene A. Juracek, Mayor

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 17th day of March, 2020.

*Doreen C. Jarosz*  
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Notary Public

