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**EXECUTIVE ORDER
and
PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) have declared COVID-19 a “public health emergency of international concern,” and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”) Secretary has declared that COVID-19 creates a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, On March 6, 2020, Governor Tom Wolfe issued a Proclamation of Disaster of Emergency stating, in part, that it is critical to prepare for and Respond to suspected or confirmed cases in the Commonwealth and to implement measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, On March 15, 2020, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania declared a State of Emergency after the County received a confirmed case of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has created situation which has the potential to seriously endanger the health, safety and welfare of persons residing in the City of Wilkes-Barre and threatens to create problems greater in scope than problems the City of Wilkes-Barre may be able to resolve; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this state of emergency and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents in the City of Wilkes-Barre;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE C. BROWN, Mayor of the City of Wilkes-Barre, pursuant to my powers under Section 5:01 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Wilkes-Barre, the provisions of the Third Class City Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (11 Pa. C.S.A. § 11203), and the provisions of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 Pa.C.S.A. Section 7101 et seq.) hereby declare a **STATE OF EMERGENCY** for the City of Wilkes-Barre.

FURTHER, I direct the City of Wilkes-Barre 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 the coordination 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 the City of Wilkes-Barre to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, namely: by the employment 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 EXECUTIVE ORDER and PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY shall take effect immediately.

Date: March 16, 2020


MAYOR GEORGE C. BROWN