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**Gary Christenson, Mayor**

**CITY OF MALDEN  
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY  
EFFECTIVE Wednesday, March 18, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has been declared a Public Health Emergency of international concern by the World Health organization; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has declared a State of Emergency to respond to COVID-19 and has determined that immediate public action is needed to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage to public health, safety or general welfare of people of the Commonwealth; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency due to the evolving COVID-19 situation and has directed the agencies of the national government to take appropriate actions; and

**WHEREAS**, the ongoing transmission of COVID-19 can be expected to greatly impact the health and welfare of residents of the City of Malden; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Malden, in consultation with the City's Health Department and Emergency Management Director, has determined that COVID-19 poses a present, reasonable and imminent danger to public health, safety, or general welfare of the people of Malden so that it has become necessary for the Mayor, with such assistance and staff as he deems necessary, 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**, immediate action is needed to prepare for, respond to and minimize or mitigate damage to public health, safety, or general welfare of the people of the City of Malden; and,

**WHEREAS**, a Declaration of Emergency will create a mechanism to facilitate and expediate the use of resources to protect from the impacts of the spread of COVID-19, including but not

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limited to emergency expenditures pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §31 and will allow for the ability to obtain whatever resources may become available to the City of Malden to address the public health and safety crisis; and,

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Gary Christenson, hereby declare that as of Wednesday, March 18th, 2020 a State of Emergency is declared to exist in the City of Malden. This Declaration of Emergency shall remain in effect until notice is given that the conditions leading to this State of Emergency no longer exist.



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**GARY CHRISTENSON**  
Mayor, City of Malden

DATED: March 18, 2020