DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY
BY MAYOR MIKE WISSMAN, TOWN OF ARLINGTON, TENNESSEE

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") is a communicable respiratory disease that can lead to serious illness or death, particularly in the case of elderly adults and persons with serious chronic medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020, following the guidance of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Tennessee Department of Health designated COVID-19 as a reportable disease in Tennessee; and

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

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor for the State of Tennessee issued an Executive Order to facilitate the treatment and containment of COVID-19, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 58-2-107(e)(1); and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor for the State of Tennessee issued Executive No. 15 and declared that "a state of emergency and major disaster exists to facilitate the response to COVID-19"; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, I declared a state of emergency for the Town of Arlington, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 38-9-101 *et seq*. and § 58-2-101 *et seq*. in response to the COIV-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority invested in the Mayor under Tennessee Code Annotated § 38-9-101, *et seq*., the Mayor may proclaim in writing the existence of a civil emergency, as defined therein; and

WHEREAS, after proclamation of a civil emergency, the Mayor, in the interest of public safety and welfare, may make all orders necessary for the protection of life and property, including but not limited to, the closure of certain establishments; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, pursuant to the authority invested in the Mayor under Tennessee Code Annotated § 38-9-101, *et seq*., I issued Civil Emergency Proclamation and Executive Order No. 01-2020 ("Executive Order No. 01-2020") closing restaurants and bars for on-site consumption as well as closing gyms and exercise facilities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee and Shelby County Health Department have reported increases in confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Shelby County and the State of Tennessee and that community transmission is occurring; and

WHERAS, COVID-19 is a danger to the health, welfare and economic well-being of the citizens of the Town of Arlington, Tennessee and may interrupt municipal services affecting the public's health and safety; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Town take all necessary measures to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the Town; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the Town, a public health emergency exists in the Town pursuant to state and local law; therefore, it is appropriate and necessary for the undersigned to exercise the authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated 58-2-110, 58-2-104, 38-9-101 *et seq*. and all other applicable laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE WISSMAN, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF ARLINGTON, TENNESSEE, by virtue of the power vested in me by Title 58, chapter 2, Title 38, Chapter 39 hereby declare a state of emergency exists as it relates to COVID-19 and the response to COVID-19 ("Emergency") and invoke the authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated 58-2-110, 58-2-104, and 38-9-101 *et seq*. and all other applicable laws for the duration of the Emergency. In addition, I further declare and order the following:

1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared for the area within the Town of Arlington, Tennessee.

2. The duration of this state of emergency commenced on March 20, 2020 and initially continued until March 27, 2020, thereafter extended until April 10, 2020. Given the ongoing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic it is necessary to extend the state of emergency for an additional seven (7) days as permitted by Tennessee law. Accordingly, this state of emergency is hereby renewed until April 17, 2020 unless otherwise extended.

3. As authorized by Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-2-110(3)(A), Town of Arlington Government will:

    a. As necessary, appropriate and expend funds; make contracts; obtain and distribute equipment, materials, and supplies for emergency management purposes; provide for the health and safety of persons and property, including emergency assistance to the victims of any emergency; and direct and coordinate the development of emergency management plans and programs in accordance with the policies and plans set by the federal and state emergency management agencies;

    b. As necessary, appoint, employ, remove, or provide, with or without compensation, coordinators, rescue teams, fire and police personnel, and other emergency management workers;

    c. If deemed necessary and in addition to the primary emergency operating center, establish one or more secondary emergency operating centers to provide continuity of government and direction and control of emergency operations;

    d. Request state assistance or, as needed, invoke emergency-related mutual-aid assistance in the event of an emergency affecting another political subdivision. It may be extended, as necessary, in seven-day increments.

FURTHER, all agencies, departments and divisions of The Town of Arlington Government shall discharge their responsibilities as deemed necessary for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare consistent with the provisions of this Declaration of a Local State of Emergency.

FURTHER, as the Mayor of Town of Arlington, I, Mike Wissman, exercise the authority given me under Title 58 of the Tennessee Code to preserve the public safety and hereby render all required and available assistance vital to the security, wellbeing, and health of the citizens of this Town. I hereby direct all

departments and agencies of the Town of Arlington to take whatever steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure, and provide such emergency assistance deemed necessary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, By authority vested in me, I have here unto set my hand and signed this Executive Order this 9th day of April, 2020.

Mike Wissman, *Mayor*
Town of Arlington, Tennessee