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EMERGENCY ORDER # 1 OF 2020

DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

The undersigned, as Mayor of the Village of Westhampton Beach, pursuant to the authority by Article 2-B, Section 24 of the Executive Law of the State of New York, has the authority to declare a state of emergency in the event of imminent danger to residents of the Village; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization designated the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC); and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, by Executive Order No. 202, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo declared a Public Health Emergency as a result of COVID-19, and further extended said Emergency by Executive Order No. 202.1 and 202.2, on March 12, 2020, and March 14, 2020, respectively; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Suffolk County Executive, Steven Bellone, declared a State of Emergency to address the threat to the health and welfare of Suffolk County residents and visitors posed by COVID-19 and to perform such emergency measures as deemed necessary; and

WHEREAS, cases of COVID-19 have been documented in the Town of Southampton and in adjoining towns with more cases expected; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Westhampton Beach is taking appropriate actions to minimize the threat from COVID-19 to the public health, safety, and welfare of its employees, residents, and guests; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, in consultation with the Village Police Chief and Village Code Compliance Administrator, hereby finds that public safety is imperiled and an imminent danger exists; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Executive Law of the State of New York, I hereby direct the following, effective as of **4:30 p.m. on March 17, 2020**, and effective through **March 31, 2020**:

IT IS ORDERED that the following emergency order be hereby adopted and implemented:


1. The Village of Westhampton Beach Mayor, in consultation with the Westhampton Beach Police Chief and Village Code Compliance Administrator is authorized to take whatever actions are necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure and public safety and to render other such emergency assistance as deemed necessary to protect the security, well-being and health of the residents and visitors of the Village of Westhampton Beach.
2. Village Hall and the Village Highway Department shall be closed to the public. The Police Department will remain open.
3. The regularly scheduled public meetings of all boards and committees, including, but not limited to, the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Architectural Review Board, will be cancelled. The Village Board meetings will continue as scheduled, though all public hearings will be postponed. Said meetings shall be closed to the public. Village Board meetings will continue to be televised. Provisions will be made for public comment.

Residents are urged to utilize online services offered by the Village, and to utilize email and telephone communications in place of traveling to any Village facilities; all credit card processing fees/charges will be waived. In an effort to aid residents, document drops will be available during regular business hours in the lobby of Village Hall.

This Emergency Order will continue in full force and effect through **March 31, 2020**, unless otherwise amended, modified, or rescinded, or upon the declaration of the Mayor that the emergency no longer exists, whichever occurs sooner.

This Order shall be issued in triplicate and shall be filed within 72 hours, or as soon thereafter as practical, in the Office of the Suffolk County Clerk, the Westhampton Beach Village Clerk and the Office of the Secretary of State, and a copy of this Order shall be published in the Southampton Press.

Dated: March 17, 2020
Time: 2:00 p.m.



Maria Z. Moore
Mayor, Village of Westhampton Beach