DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on this 17th day of March 2020, the Mayor of the City of New Franklin, Ohio, does find the life and safety of the residents of the City of New Franklin may be at risk due to the respiratory disease identified as Coronavirus disease (COVID-19); and,

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 continues throughout our world, our Country, our State and now our County, and;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is highly contagious and can be spread by individuals without any observable symptoms, thus presenting a direct threat to our community; and

WHEREAS, the collateral effects of the disease present financial concerns for businesses; and, WHEREAS, City resources have been or are likely to be exhausted and capabilities exceeded in addressing the needs of our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine declared a State of Emergency in Ohio to protect the well-being of Ohioans, allowing state agencies to better coordinate their efforts both nationally and at the local level; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, County Executive Ilene Shapiro declared a Public Health Emergency within the County of Summit, consistent with the Ohio Emergency Management Act, to protect the well-being of county residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested by the Charter of the City of New Franklin and the laws of the State of Ohio, it is hereby declared that a State of Emergency now exists within the City of New Franklin.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that during the existence of this State of Emergency the Mayor of New Franklin shall exercise those powers, functions and duties as prescribed by the State of Ohio, the New Franklin City Charter, all applicable ordinances and resolutions, and the Ohio Emergency Management Act, in order to minimize the effects of said emergency.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that all available emergency relief efforts be coordinated through the Summit County Emergency Operations Center, the Office of the Governor of the State of Ohio, the Ohio Department of Health, the United States Center for Disease Control, and the Summit County Health Department to assure maximum resources and benefits to the citizens of New Franklin.
City Of New Franklin
Summit County, Ohio

THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect until such time as the emergency no longer exists, and shall be terminated by executive order when no longer required for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of New Franklin.

Paul Adamson, Mayor
Date

Attest:
Susan M. Cooke, Finance Director
Date