

**TOWN OF HINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY
EFFECTIVE MARCH 13, 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, COVID-19 is a highly contagious, and in some cases, fatal respiratory disease; and

Whereas, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of Massachusetts declared a State of Emergency as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

Whereas, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency Concerning the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

Whereas, the COVID-19 public health emergency poses a present, real and imminent danger to the public health, safety, or general welfare of the residents, businesses and employees of the Town of Hingham; and

Whereas, it is necessary for the Town Administrator and his designees to utilize and coordinate the services, supplies, equipment, and facilities of the departments, offices, and agencies of the Town of Hingham and the community, both locally, regionally, statewide and nationally, if necessary, including the taking of ordinary and extraordinary actions for the purposes of emergency management to protect the residents, businesses and employees of the Town of Hingham;

Now, therefore, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hingham hereby declares a state of emergency in the Town of Hingham effective as of March 13, 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency in order to allow the Town Administrator and his designees to take all necessary actions to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage to the public health, safety, or general welfare of the residents, businesses and employees of the Town of Hingham and do hereby appoint the Town Administrator to act as the director of the local organization of civil defense under Section 13 of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 (Civil Defense Act) and do hereby authorize the Town Administrator and his designees to exercise all emergency powers on behalf of the Town of Hingham.

This declaration shall remain in effect for the duration of the State of Emergency as declared by the Governor of Massachusetts or as otherwise sooner rescinded.

Town of Hingham
Board of Selectmen

