

Charles C. Kokoros
Mayor



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**Town of Braintree
Massachusetts
Declaration of Emergency**

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) a Public Health Emergency of International Concern and declared a pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts declared a State of Emergency in response to COVID-19 and determined that immediate public action is required to prevent, minimize or mitigate damage to the public health, safety and general welfare of the people of the Commonwealth and/or property that may otherwise result from this public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency in response to the situation caused by COVID-19 and directed the agencies of the national government to take appropriate actions; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath and the disease is sought to spread from person via respiratory droplets; and

WHEREAS, this disease is a contagious, and at times fatal, respiratory disease; and

WHEREAS, according to recent data from local, state and federal public health authorities, there are more than 167,500 confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide, and over 6,000 of those cases have resulted in death; more than 4,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States, and 75 of those case have resulted in death; and more than 200 positive cases in Massachusetts, with one positive case in the Town of Braintree; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person to person transmission considerably affect the life and health of our people and is a crisis that impacts the health, security and safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, additional steps to prepare for, respond to and mitigate the spread of the virus to protect the health and welfare of our community is essential; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor of the Town of Braintree, upon advice of the Town's public health officials, I have determined that the public health emergency caused by the outbreak of COVID-19 poses a present and reasonably imminent danger to the public health, safety and/or general welfare of the

residents of the Town of Braintree or their property so that it is necessary for the Town to utilize and coordinate, the services, equipment, supplies, and facilities of existing departments, offices, and agencies of the Town, including the taking of ordinary and extraordinary actions for the purposes of emergency management and emergency functions to protect the public; and

WHEREAS, a Declaration of Emergency and immediate action is necessary to prevent, minimize or mitigate damage to the public health, safety and/or general welfare of the residents of Braintree or their property that may otherwise result from the outbreak of COVID-19 and that taking the time necessary to comply with the various state laws and local ordinances may, in some circumstances, endanger the health or safety of the people or their property; and

WHEREAS, a Declaration of Emergency will facilitate and expedite the use of local, state and federal resources and provide for a more effective deployment of governmental resources to protect the people from the impacts of the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Town of Braintree should be able to depend on guidance from their Chief Executive Officer; and

NOW THEREFORE, on this date and after consultation with public health officials, I, Charles C. Kokoros, Mayor of the Town of Braintree, pursuant to the powers and authority provided to and vested in me by the General Laws of the Commonwealth and sections 1-7, 3-2 and 6-9 of Chapter 189 of the Acts of 2005 (Town Charter), among other local authority, do hereby determine that a public health emergency exists and hereby issue this Declaration that there now exists in the Town of Braintree a State of Emergency.

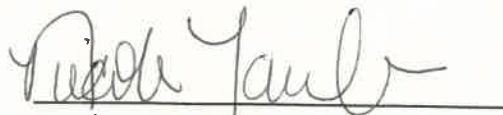
Pursuant to these powers, I shall from time to time issue recommendations, directives and orders as circumstances may require to respond to the public health emergency caused by COVID-19. This declaration of a State of Emergency is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to my judgment and in consultation with Town public health officials, that the State of Emergency no longer exists.

Given in Town Hall, Town of Braintree, County of Norfolk, Commonwealth of Massachusetts on this 17th day of March, two thousand and twenty.



Charles C. Kokoros
Mayor

Approved as to Form:



Nicole I. Taub
Town Solicitor