

RESOLUTION NO. 50-2020

BY: **DEBORAH LIME**
(By Request - Mayor)

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING, SUPPORTING AND RATIFYING MAYOR DEGEETER'S APRIL 2, 2020 PROCLAMATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY IN RELATION TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and,

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern; and,

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, determined and declared that a public health emergency exists in the United States in relation to COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of Ohio, signed an Executive Order declaring a State of Emergency for the entire State of Ohio in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Cuyahoga County Executive declared a State of Emergency for all of Cuyahoga County in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency, invoking the Stafford Act and allowing the Federal Emergency Management Agency to coordinate disaster response and aid state and local governments in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, the Mayor of Parma proclaimed a Civil Emergency for the entire City of Parma to protect the lives and well-being of the citizens of the City as well as those who work, attend school, and visit the City, from the dangerous effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. See Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. In the City of Parma and across Cuyahoga County and the state of Ohio there is a current threat of an acutely hazardous disease, illness, or health condition; specifically, COVID-19, that is caused by this novel infectious agent.

Section 2. In the City of Parma, this threat has already impacted the daily lives of the citizens of the City of Parma, and the need for citizens and City of Parma employees to stay home from work and other public places should they be exposed to the virus substantially impairs the functioning of city government and its ability to protect the lives and property of the citizens of the City of Parma.

Section 3. That for all the foregoing reasons the Council of the City of Parma acknowledges, supports and ratifies Mayor DeGeeter's April 2, 2020 Proclamation of Civil Emergency for the entire City of Parma.

Section 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 5. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the City of Parma, and shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____
MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO