DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 emerged in Wuhan, China, and has since spread throughout the world, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention has declared COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary has declared that COVID-19 creates a public health emergency; and

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

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Office of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on March 6, 2020 that authorized the suspension of certain procedures and formalities described by law; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pottstown requires prompt coordination of action and special regulation of persons or properties to protect health, safety, or welfare of people, or to limit damage to property;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Stephanie A. Henrick, Mayor, by the authority vested in me by the Borough Code, Section 1006A, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in Pottstown as of TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020, 4:00 P.M. and direct that:

1. The local Emergency Operations Plan shall be executed;

2. The Borough Manager shall direct the Borough of Pottstown to provide such assistance as can be delivered from available local resources and shall coordinate all agencies of local government to provide assistance to Pottstown.

3. All agencies of Pottstown shall cooperate to the full extent with the Borough of Pottstown and shall provide such assistance as may be required for response to this emergency.

4. Under this State of Emergency, as provided in Borough Code, Section 1006-A (Part B) the Mayor can waive procedures and formalities otherwise required by the law pertaining to: a) performance of public work, b) entering into contracts, c) incurring obligations, d) employment of permanent and temporary workers, e) utilization of volunteer workers, f) rental of equipment, g) appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

Date

Stephanie A. Henrick, Mayor
Borough of Pottstown
Montgomery County

Attest