



STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, a sudden, generally unexpected occurrence or set of circumstances demanding immediate public action has arisen within the Town of Templeton, namely, an emergent threat to public health and welfare posed by the 2019 novel Coronavirus;

WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States, the Commonwealth and the Town of Templeton significantly affect the life and health of our people, as well as the economy, and is a disaster that impacts the health, security, and safety of the public; and the disease caused by the 2019 novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") is a contagious, and at times fatal, respiratory disease;

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

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts declared a State of Emergency to facilitate and expedite the use of Commonwealth resources and deployment of federal and interstate resources to protect persons from the impacts of the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, as of March 14, 2020, according to the World Health Organization, there are more than 142,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide, and over 5,300 of those cases have resulted in death;

WHEREAS, as of March 15, 2020, there are 45 confirmed cases, and 119 presumed positive cases, of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth;

WHEREAS, it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of the people of the Town;

WHEREAS, the Chief Administrative Officer has determined that immediate public action is needed to prevent, minimize or mitigate damage to the public health, safety or general welfare of the people of Templeton or their property which may otherwise result from COVID-19 and that taking the time required to comply with the various state and local procurement laws would endanger the health or safety of the people or their property;

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen & Board of Health at a joint emergency meeting held this evening have determined that a state of emergency be declared in the Town of Templeton;

NOW THEREFORE, We, the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Templeton, Massachusetts, hereby declare that a STATE OF EMERGENCY exists within the Town of Templeton effective at 1800 hours on March 16, 2020.

This declaration of emergency shall remain in effect until further notice is given by the undersigned, or by the Templeton Board of Selectmen, that the STATE OF EMERGENCY no longer exists.

Dated: March 16, 2020

By: 
Michael Currie, SelectBoard Chair