

# *P*roclamation

*Borough of Middletown, PA*

## **DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY**

**Whereas**, as of March 16, 2020, the COVID-19 virus threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the residents of the Borough of Middletown;

**Whereas**, the COVID-19 virus has the potential to endanger the health, safety, and welfare of a substantial number of people residing in the Borough of Middletown, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than the Borough may be able to resolve through traditional measures;

**Whereas**, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of affected people and the community at large in the Borough of Middletown;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, James H. Curry, III, the undersigned Mayor of the Borough of Middletown, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 PaCS 7501), as amended, do hereby proclaim the existence of a disaster emergency in the Borough of Middletown.

**FURTHER**, I direct the Borough of Middletown Emergency Management Coordinator and response team to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

**FURTHER**, I authorize Borough Management, in coordination with Administrative Staff of the Borough of Middletown to act, under the Mayor or his designee's direction, as necessary to meet the current and ongoing demands of this emergency, namely: Borough departments may implement emergency assignments without regard to procedures required by other laws, except mandatory constitutional requirements, pertaining to performance of public work, entering into contracts, incurring obligations, employment of temporary workers, rental of equipment, purchase of supplies and materials, and expenditures of public funds. Notwithstanding the foregoing, or any other

provision of this Proclamation, any overtime for the Police Department must be approved in advance by the Mayor, and any overtime for any other employees must be approved in advance by the Borough Manager.

**FURTHER**, I hereby suspend the provisions of any regulatory ordinance prescribing procedures for the conduct of Borough business, or the orders, rules, and regulations of any Borough department, if strict compliance with the provisions of any ordinance, statute, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency.

**FURTHER**, during this period, the Middletown Borough Hall located at 60 W. Emaus Street, Middletown, PA 17057 will be closed to all public traffic. All payments of utility bills, permit fees, etc. will be handled through the secured drop box in the parking lot at the rear of the building or the US Postal Service. Credit card payment service is also available by internet via [www.middletownborough.com](http://www.middletownborough.com). Communications for the Borough Administration should take place via phone or email. The Borough Administration can be reached at (717) 902-0706 or through our website ([www.middletownborough.com](http://www.middletownborough.com)). Please follow our website or Facebook page for updates and status changes.

This Proclamation shall take effect immediately, and shall expire in seven (7) days unless sooner rescinded, modified or ratified or extended by resolution of Council.

Dated in Middletown, Pennsylvania, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.



JAMES H. CURRY, III, MAYOR