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PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the United States is experiencing an outbreak of Novel Coronavirus -2019 also known as COVID-19; and

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

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Governor of Oklahoma declared a state of emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control has emphasized the COVID-19 risk to individuals is dependent on exposure and transmission is through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Oklahoma State Department of Health announced the first COVID-19 presumptive positive test result for a resident of the Oklahoma City metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, information was received that an additional case has been confirmed in Cleveland County, which is a county in which Oklahoma City extends into and is part of the greater metropolitan area of Oklahoma City; and

WHEREAS, the information indicated that the Cleveland County case was transmitted through local community transmission; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma City-County Health Department has informed me this is the worst public health crisis to face our city in the last half-century; and

WHEREAS, Section 15-37 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code provides that I, as the Mayor, after finding that a public disaster exists which affects life, health, property or the public peace, may proclaim a state of emergency in the area affected; and

WHEREAS, Section 15-37 requires the proclamation be in writing signed and filed with the City Clerk and public notice as practical is provided through the news media of the issuance of said proclamation; and

WHEREAS, Section 15-38 provides that during the existence of a state of emergency, by proclamation, the following may be prohibited: (2) a designated number of persons from assembling or gathering on the public streets, parks or other areas either public or private; and (9) such other activities as [Mayor] reasonably believes should be prohibited to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, I, Mayor Holt, held a press conference at 5:20 pm on March 15, 2020, and announced my intent to declare a state of emergency due to the local community transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control has issued Interim Guidance for Mass Gatherings or Large Community Events which recommends putting into action strategies for postponing or canceling events; and

WHEREAS, the City and its public trusts owns many properties and facilities where the public gathers for activities and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, due to the urgency of the situation and the advice of our public health professionals, I have determined that an actual emergency exists that requires the use of measures to secure the safety and protection of the public life and health; and

WHEREAS, at this time, I, David Holt, the Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City, desire to exercise the authority vested in me by the above-cited sections of the Municipal Code and to proclaim a state of emergency to exist in all areas of The City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED as the Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City, I do find the COVID-19 pandemic, and specifically the local community transmission of such disease, is a public disaster which affects life, health, property and public peace in The City of Oklahoma City.

AND I DO FURTHER PROCLAIM, the following provisions are issued and immediately effective and shall continue until the state of emergency is terminated by issuance of a subsequent proclamation:

1. Suspension of all events taking place between March 16, 2020 and April 12, 2020 with 50 or more participants at City operated properties/facilities.

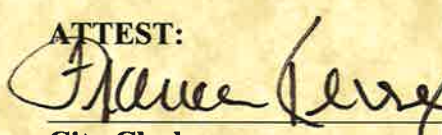
2. Suspension of all events taking place between March 16, 2020 and April 12, 2020 with 50 or more participants at the City owned – subcontractor operated properties and City beneficiary Public Trust properties listed below:
 - Scissortail Park
 - Myriad Botanical Gardens
 - Riversport Adventure Property
 - Civic Center Music Hall
 - South Lakes Soccer Complex
 - North OKC Soccer Complex
 - Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark
 - Cox Convention Center
 - Chesapeake Energy Arena
 - USA Softball Hall of Fame Stadium Complex
 - Oklahoma City Zoo
 - Zoo Amphitheater
 - MAPS 3 Senior Health and Wellness Facilities
 - Putnam City Athletic Association Ballpark at Lake Hefner Park
 - Putnam City Optimist Baseball, Softball, and Soccer Fields at Dolese Park
 - Northwest Optimist Ballpark at Dolese Park
 - OKC Fairgrounds
 - Lake Hefner
 - Lake Overholser
 - Lake Stanley Draper

3. Revocation of the City’s approval of all special events permits and revocable permits issued for events on City and/or City beneficiary Public Trust property or requiring the closure of public right-of-way for events to take place between March 16, 2020 and April 12, 2020.

4. Requirement of a distance of at least three (3) feet between all users during transport on public transit.

AND I DO FURTHER PROCLAIM, that public notice of this proclamation and state of emergency shall be given to and filed with the City Clerk of The City of Oklahoma City.

ADOPTED and SIGNED this 16th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:


City Clerk





MAYOR DAVID HOLT

APPROVED for form and legality



Deputy Municipal Counselor