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EXECUTIVE ORDER

20-03

March 16, 2020

Declaration of State of Emergency

This declaration of emergency supersedes Executive Order 20-02 issued by Town Administrator Steven Contente on March 14, 2020.

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020 the State of Rhode Island Governor Gina M. Raimondo issued Executive Order 20-02 declaring a state of emergency due to the outbreak of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, cases of COVID-19 have been documented in the State of Rhode Island;

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island Governor Gina M. Raimondo has requested that all Rhode Island Cities and Towns declare a local state of emergency, in response to this ongoing public health crisis;

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island and various public health officials have reached out to the Town of Bristol to take steps to contain the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Town of Bristol needs to take additional measure to limit the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Laws §§ 30-15-12 and 30-15-13, as well as Town of Bristol Town Charter § 306(g), permit the Town Council to declare a state of emergency for the purpose of, among other things: providing for the cooperation in epidemic prevention, preparedness, response and recover; preparing for emergency health threats that require the exercise of extraordinary governmental functions; providing the town with the ability to respond rapidly and effectively to potential or actual public health emergencies; and reducing loss of life;

WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Laws §§ 30-15-9(e)(4) and 30-15-12(b), as well as the Town of Bristol Town Charter § 306(g), permit the Town Administrator, as authorized by the Council, to suspend the provisions of any statute, regulation, or requirement prescribing the procedures for the conduct of town business, or the orders, rules, regulations of any town department, board, or agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any statute, order, rule or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Laws §§ 30-15-9(e)(3) and (7), and 30-15-12(b), as well as the Town of Bristol Town Charter § 306(g), permit the Town Administrator, as authorized by the Council, to transfer the direction, personnel, or functions of town departments and agencies or units thereof for the purpose of performing or facilitating emergency services; to control ingress and egress to and from high risk areas, the movement of persons within the area, and the

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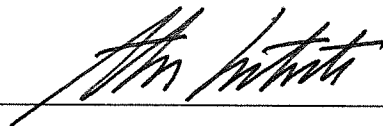
occupancy of premises therein; and to take appropriate measures for the protection of health, safety, and welfare of the people of the city/town and to prevent or minimize the loss of life.

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steven Contente, Bristol Town Administrator, by virtue of the authority vested in said office pursuant to the Rhode Island General Laws and the Bristol Town Charter, including but not limited to Title 30, Chapter 15 of the General Laws and Bristol Town Charter § 306(g), do hereby order and direct the following:

1. Pursuant to the emergency powers granted by the Rhode Island General Laws, and any other applicable provisions of state or local law, the Town Administrator shall from time to time issue additional directives, orders, and recommendations as circumstances require, either written or verbal.
2. Nothing in this Executive Order shall constrain duties and powers of the Town and the Town Administrator authorized by Title 30, Chapter 15 of the General Laws and the Town Charter.
3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect through March 23, 2020, and, with the consent of the Town Council, it shall continue in effect until April 8, 2020.

So Ordered:



Steven Contente, Town Administrator