

**MORRISVILLE BOROUGH
OFFICE OF MAYOR**



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus (now known as "COVID-19") began infecting humans in December 2019, and has since spread to 89 countries, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") have declared COVID-19 a "public health emergency of international concern," and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") Secretary has declared that COVID-19 creates a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf declared a disaster emergency throughout the Commonwealth and directed all Commonwealth departments and agencies, including the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, to utilize all available resources and personnel as deemed necessary to cope with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Subsection 7501(b) of Pennsylvania's Emergency Management Services Act, 35 Pa.C.S.A. § 7501(b), authorizes a mayor of a political subdivision of the Commonwealth to declare a local disaster emergency; and

WHEREAS, Subsection 10A06(b)(4) of the Borough Code, 8 Pa.C.S.A. § 10A06(b)(4), authorizes a mayor to issue a proclamation declaring a state of emergency for a period not to exceed seven days unless sooner rescinded, modified or ratified or extended by resolution of Council; and

WHEREAS, with multiple confirmed positive cases in Bucks County the possible increased threat from COVID-19 constitutes a threat of imminent disaster to the health of the residents of the Borough of Morrisville; and

WHEREAS, this threat of imminent disaster and emergency has the potential to cause significant adverse impacts upon the resident of the Borough of Morrisville.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of the Borough Code and Pennsylvania's Emergency Management Services Act, I do hereby proclaim the existence of a state of emergency throughout the Borough of Morrisville; and

FURTHER, I hereby direct the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response and to take all appropriate action to alleviate effects of the disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other appropriate action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency; and

FURTHER, I authorize officials of the Borough of Morrisville to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, namely: by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

STILL FURTHER, this Proclamation shall become effective immediately and will continue for seven (7) days from the date hereof unless ratified and extended or modified by the Council of the Borough of Morrisville.

THIS PROCLAMATION is made by the Mayor of the Borough of Morrisville on March 23, 2020.

BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE


David T. Rivella
Mayor