

DECLARATION OF A DISASTER EMERGENCY

FOR THE BOROUGH OF OLYPHANT, LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

WHEREAS, a novel corona virus (now known as SARS Co V-2) emerged in Wuhan, China, began infecting humans in December, 2019 and has since spread throughout the world, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, SARS Co V2 is known to have the potential to cause Coronavirus Disease-2019 (COVID-19) in humans; and

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has 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 11, 2020, the World Health Organization ("WHO") declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents in the Borough of Olyphant, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Act, 35 PA CSA § 7501, authorizes the Borough of Olyphant to declare a disaster emergency "upon the finding a disaster has occurred or is imminent"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in the Governing Body by Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Act, 35 PA CSA § 7501, the Council of the Borough of Olyphant does hereby declare the existence of an emergency in the Borough of Olyphant, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania due to COVID-19.

FURTHER, as the Mayor of the Borough of Olyphant is incapacitated, the President of Borough Council as authorized by Section 1008-A of the Borough Code has executed this Declaration on behalf of the Mayor and has also executed this Declaration in his capacity as President of Borough Council, and it is hereby directed that the Olyphant Borough Manager work with all state and federal authorities, and take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

FURTHER, pursuant to 35 Pa C.S. §7501(d), and in light of the exigencies involved with this disaster emergency, the Borough Council does hereby authorize the temporary suspension of all formal requirements, including all time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements) pertaining to the performance of public work, entering into contracts, the incurring of obligations, the employment of temporary workers, the

rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials, the levying of taxes, the appropriation and expenditure of public funds and the public advertisement of and or participation in of Borough Council Meetings or Work Sessions; the Council of the Borough of Olyphant shall not be required to have a quorum physically present at any one location in order to conduct business if a quorum is otherwise established by the participating members through an authorized telecommunication device.

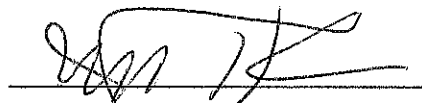
FURTHER, while all Borough of Government Facilities and Borough Personnel shall remain available to the public for essential business, access to the Municipal Building shall be limited; the payment of Electric Bills and Real Estate Taxes must be made in the front vestibule and deposited in the payment box as indicated by the Notices posted at the Municipal Building; all public parks will be closed and members of the public are requested to refrain from accessing Borough Facilities unless absolutely necessary; appointments call 570-489-2135.

FURTHER, all Borough of Olyphant residents, businesses, organizations and visitors are urged to abide during the period of the Emergency Declaration by the recommendations made by the Centers for Disease Control, as well as guidance issued by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and to refrain from all unnecessary travel, gatherings, and business so as to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 and this public health emergency.

Now this 18th day of January, 2022 the above Declaration of Disaster Emergency is hereby adopted by the Council of the Borough of Olyphant and will remain effective and in full force and effect until further action and notice of Olyphant Borough Council.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF OLYPHANT



John Tomcho, Secretary

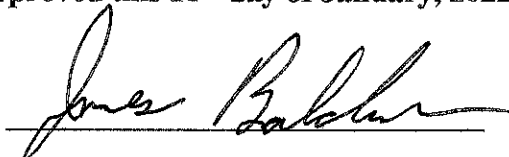
Borough of Olyphant



James Baldan, President

Olyphant Borough Council

Approved this 18th day of January, 2022.



James Baldan, Acting as Mayor

Borough of Olyphant