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## DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

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**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF FULTON  
CITY OF CANTON**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the office of Mayor by the Illinois Municipal Code (60 ILCS 5/11-1-6), the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act Section 3305/11, and Ordinance No. 4182 of the City of Canton, I, Kent McDowell, the Mayor of City of Canton, do hereby declare that a Local State of Emergency: (1) existed as of March 17, 2020, when I initially declared a Local State of Emergency; (2) existed on April 7, 2020, when I re-declared a Local State of Emergency; (3) existed on April 21, 2020, when I re-declared a Local State of Emergency; (4) existed on May 5, 2020, when I re-declared a Local State of Emergency; (5) existed on May 19, 2020, when I re-declared a Local State of Emergency; (6) existed on June 2, 2020, when I re-declared a Local State of Emergency; (7) existed on June 16, 2020, when I re-declared a Local State of Emergency; (8) existed on July 7, 2020, when I re-declared a Local State of Emergency; (9) existed on July 21, 2020, when I re-declared a Local State of Emergency; (10) existed on August 4, 2020, when I re-declared a Local State of Emergency; (11) existed on August 18, 2020, when I re-declared a Local State of Emergency; (12) existed on September 1, 2020, when I re-declared a Local State of Emergency; (13) existed on September 15, 2020, when I re-declared a Local State of Emergency; (14) existed on October 6, 2020, when I re-declared a Local State of Emergency; (15) existed on October 20, 2020, when I re-declared a Local State of Emergency; (16) existed on November 3, 2020, when I re-declared a Local State of Emergency; (17) existed on November 17, 2020, when I re-declared a Local State of Emergency; (18) existed on December 1, 2020, when I re-declared a Local State of Emergency; (19) existed on December 15, 2020, when I re-declared a Local State of Emergency; (20) continues to exist at of this date, January 5, 2021; and (21) shall continue until such time as provided in City of Canton Ordinance No. 4182.

*Facts Related to Emergency:* In late 2019, a new and significant outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) emerged in China. COVID-19 is a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people through respiratory transmissions and present with symptoms similar to those of influenza. There is no vaccine currently available for COVID-19. Certain populations are at higher risk of experiencing more severe illness as a result of COVID-19, including older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, or lung disease.

The City of Canton is continuing its efforts to prepare for any eventuality given that this is a novel illness and given the known health risks it poses for the elderly and those with serious chronic medical conditions. The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020; the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared that COVID-19 presents a public health emergency on January 27, 2020; and, the Governor of the State of Illinois, J.B. Pritzker, initially proclaimed COVID-19 a Disaster on March 9, 2020, and he has re-proclaimed that a disaster exists within the State of Illinois as recent as December 11, 2020.

In response to the COVID-19 outbreaks, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has deemed it necessary to prohibit or restrict non-essential travel to or from those countries, and federal, state, and local officials have continued to impose restrictions, such as “stay at home” orders, in order to reduce the spread of the COVID-19.

As of January 5, 2021, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) indicated 991,719 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 16,959 deaths (*see* www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19). As of January 5, 2021, there have been 2,416 positive (confirmed) cases in Fulton County, according to the IDPH.


*Nature of Emergency:* The COVID-19 outbreak is a “disaster” and “public health emergency” as defined under 20 ILCS 3305/4, as amended. There is an imminent threat that outbreak of COVID-19 may spread within the corporate limits of the City of Canton, resulting in or threatening the death or injury of persons to such an extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

During the existence of the Local State of Emergency declared hereunder, the Mayor shall execute such authority and executive orders as provided under the Illinois Municipal Code, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, City of Canton Ordinance No. 4182 (as amended), and any other applicable city ordinances or state and/or federal law.

This Declaration of Local State of Emergency shall be filed with the City Clerk as soon as practicable.

I, KENT McDOWELL, whose name is signed to this instrument, being first duly sworn, signed and executed this instrument as the Declaration of Local State of Emergency, and that I signed willingly, and that I executed it as my free and voluntary act for the purposes therein expressed.

Dated this 5th day of January, 2021.

  
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Kent McDowell, Mayor  
City of Canton, Illinois

NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021, Kent McDowell, Mayor of the City of Canton, personally appeared before me and acknowledged the foregoing to be his free act and deed.

  
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Notary Public

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My Commission Expires: 10-2-22