PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY WITHIN THE CITY OF PASS CHRISTIAN, MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen find and determine that a state of local emergency exists due to conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City of Pass Christian due to the declared Pandemic for the Coronavirus (COVID-19) commencing on or about the 16th day of March, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States executed an executive Order on or about March 13, 2020, declaring a national emergency as a result of the Pandemic for the Coronavirus (COVID-19) commencing on or about the 1st day of March, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Governor Tate Reeves also declared a state of emergency on March 14, 2020, in the State of Mississippi as a result of the Pandemic for the Coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen find and determine that certain emergency expenditures and other action may be necessary for the immediate preservation of order and public safety and the protection and/or restoration of public buildings and services; and

WHEREAS, due to the emergency conditions herein enumerated the City of Pass Christian should be authorized to make emergency expenditures, borrow money, and/or incur the liabilities necessary to meet the emergency now facing the City without further notice or hearing and may revise its budget accordingly, all pursuant to MCA Section 21-35-21 (1972).

WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency in order to provide for the protection of the health and safety of the citizens of the City of Pass Christian and their property.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PASS CHRISTIAN AS FOLLOWS:

I.

In accordance with MCA Section 33-15-17(d), as amended, a local emergency does hereby exist because of the Pandemic for the Coronavirus (COVID – 19) throughout the City. This Proclamation shall be reviewed at least every thirty (30) days as required by law until such local emergency is no longer in effect and proclaimed terminated by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen accordingly.
II.

That the Mayor of the City of Pass Christian is here by authorized to make emergency expenditures, borrow money, and/or incur the liabilities necessary to meet the emergency now facing the City without further notice or hearing and may revise its budget accordingly, all pursuant to MCA Section 21-35-19 and Section 21-35-21 (1972).

III.

That the Fire Chief as Emergency Management Director and Mayor in consultation with the Fire Chief are authorized to take any and all emergency steps to protect and preserve the citizens and their property.

IV.

The Mayor is hereby authorized to close public parks, buildings, and facilities as shall be necessary; to authorize any City employees to take emergency leave and essential personnel to work remotely to continue to provide municipal services as the circumstances shall dictate.

V.

During this emergency all personnel, including the Police Chief and Fire Chief, will be compensated with overtime pay during the declared state of emergency.

The above and foregoing Resolution having been reduced to writing and no member of the governing authority having requested that it be read by the City Clerk, the question was put to a vote by the Mayor, and the result was as follows:

Alderman Torgeson  Voted 
Alderman Clarke Voted 
Alderwoman Charlot Voted 
Alderman Hall Voted 
Alderman Pickich Voted 

The question having received a majority of the affirmative votes of all the members present and voting, the Mayor declared the Motion carried and this Resolution adopted, this the 17th day of March, 2020.