



WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT

JAMES S. MARPE
First Selectman

DECLARATION OF LOCAL CIVIL PREPAREDNESS EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the recent pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) has lead to confirmed infections in Westport; shortages of supplies needed to address and prevent the disease; and national, state and local public health officials' recommendations to limit meeting in large groups and practice social distancing; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ned Lamont declared statewide public health and civil preparedness emergencies on March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Section 26 of Article III of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Westport authorizes the First Selectman to declare a Local Civil Preparedness Emergency in the event of a local emergency creating a risk of severe hazards to the life, welfare, or property of the Town of Westport or its residents; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statutes Section 28-8a authorizes the First Selectman of a municipality in which a major disaster or emergency occurs, or his designee, to take such action as he deems necessary to mitigage the major disaster or emergency; and

WHEREAS, due to the above, the Town of Westport needs to be prepared to take emergency measures in order to preserve and protect the life, public health, public safety, general welfare, peace, and security of the Town of Westport, its residents and property; and

WHEREAS, due to such conditions and risks described above, it is deemed necessary to declare a Local Civil Preparedness Emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James S. Marpe, First Selectman of the Town of Westport, under the authority of Section 26 of Article III of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Westport and Connecticut General Statutes § 28-8a, **DO HEREBY DECLARE that a Local Civil Preparedness Emergency now exists throughout the Town of Westport, until further notice.**

Orders regarding additional measures to protect public health and safety will follow as they are determined to be necessary.



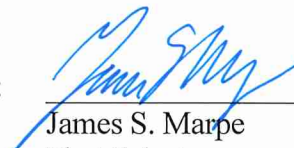
Witness *Sara Harris*

Date: 3-16-2020

Local Time: 12:26PM

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