BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

DECLARATION OF DISASTER 1-2020 RELATED TO COVID-19

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

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

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 a "global pandemic"; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Pennsylvania has declared COVID-19 a disaster emergency throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared COVID-19 a National Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the spread of the virus creates a public health emergency, and threatens to cause injury, damage and suffering to the persons and property of New Florence Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic has endangered the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in New Florence Borough, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than New Florence Borough may be able to resolve; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster to protect the health safety and welfare of affected residents in New Florence Borough.

NOW THEREFORE, We the Council of New Florence Borough, by and through the undersigned Council President pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania

Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa.C.S. §7501 et seq.) as amended, do hereby proclaim

the existence of a disaster emergency for New Florence Borough.

FURTHER, We direct the New Florence Borough Emergency Management Coordinator to

coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to 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.

STILL FURTHER, We authorize officials of New Florence Borough to act as necessary to

meet the current demands of this emergency, namely: by the employment of temporary workers, by

the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by the 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We the Council of New Florence Borough, by and through

Council President, have caused this Declaration of Disaster to be executed as of this 21st day of April,

2020.

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE

ATTEST: