



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

BOARD OF HEALTH

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WHEREAS, the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a highly contagious and potentially fatal respiratory disease, the prevalence of which is increasing rapidly throughout the world, inclusive of the United States and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization designated the COVID-19 outbreak a Pandemic Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued a Declaration of a State of Emergency to Respond to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States announced a national declaration of emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, Governor Baker announced emergency actions to respond to the evolving COVID-19 public health emergency impacting the Commonwealth, including prohibitions on public gatherings of twenty-five or more people and prohibiting on-premises consumption of food or drink at bars and restaurants from March 17, 2020 until April 6, 2020, as well as suspension of elementary and secondary school educational operations from March 17, 2020 until April 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen and its Board of Health, in consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has determined that COVID-19 presents a major disaster which poses an immediate threat to public health, safety, and general welfare of people residing both within and outside of the Town of Holden; and

WHEREAS, the Holden Board of Selectmen and its Board of Health have determined that immediate public action is needed in order to prevent or minimize the spread of COVID-19 by and among the people of Holden; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of the people of Holden; and

WHEREAS, declaring a state of emergency will facilitate and expedite the use of resources to protect persons from the impacts of COVID-19, including but not limited to emergency expenditures pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 31 and limitations on operating hours and access to public buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen recommended that a state of emergency be declared in the town of Holden.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health of the Town of Holden Massachusetts, hereby declare that as of March 18, 2020 a state of emergency exists in the Town of Holden. This declaration of emergency shall remain in effect until further notice is given, pursuant to our judgment that the conditions leading to this declaration no longer exist.

Pursuant to these powers, the Board of Selectmen recognizes that the Town Manager shall from time to time issue recommendations, directives, and orders as necessary to mitigate this emergency.

This proclamation of a state of emergency is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until notice is given, that the state of emergency no longer exists. The Board of Selectmen hereby grants the Town Manager the authority to lift this order upon his determination that the state of emergency is no longer necessary.

Unanimously approved by the Town of Holden Board of Health
on March 18, 2020
Michael Mazloff
Michelle O'Rourke
Stella Adu-Gyamfi



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**Town of Holden
Board of Health Meeting
March 18, 2020**

Members Present - Mr. Michael Mazloff, Michelle O'Rourke, Stella Adu-Gyamfi

Others Present: Pamela Harding – Director Planning & Development

Called Board of Health Meeting to Order: 6:05 PM

- Meeting was conducted via telecommunication
- Michael Mazloff made a motion to approve the declaration of a local state of emergency due to the public threat of the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 (attached), Michelle O'Rourke seconded the motion and all were in favor, 3-0.