



**DECLARATION NO. 20-1**

**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE  
VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
(COVID-19 – MARCH 16, 2020)**

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PRESIDENT  
Alice Gallagher

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Western Springs (“Village”) is a non-home rule unit of local government as provided by Article VII, Section 7 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

TRUSTEES  
Heidi Rudolph  
William Siffermann  
James Tyrrell  
Nicole Chen  
Alan Fink  
James John

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19, also known as the “coronavirus,” is a dangerous disease which has spread around the world, including in the United States, the State of Illinois and Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a direct and serious threat to the public’s health, safety and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of Illinois issued a disaster proclamation in the State of Illinois related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

CLERK  
James Horvath

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners issued a disaster proclamation in Cook County, Illinois related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

MANAGER  
Ingrid Velkme

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 virus a pandemic; and

DIRECTORS  
Grace Turi  
Pat Schramm  
Martin Scott  
Matthew Supert  
Patrick Kenny  
Brian Budds  
Ellen Baer  
Aleks Briedis

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a nationwide emergency under Section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 52 U.S.C. 5121, *et seq.*, related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 pandemic is a contagious disease that is likely to cause loss of life, loss of productivity, hardship and suffering to persons residing in or doing business in and around the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 11-1-6 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-1-6, provides that the corporate authorities of the Village of Western Springs may grant the Village President the extraordinary power and authority to exercise, by executive order during a state of emergency, such of the powers of the Village’s corporate authorities as may be reasonably necessary to respond to the emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on Monday March 16, 2020, the Village President and Board of Trustees adopted an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY SHOULD THE NEED ARISE AND AUTHORIZING PURCHASE

CONTRACTS AS NECESSARY TO RESOLVE A STATE OF EMERGENCY WITHOUT PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS” authorizing the Village President to declare a state of emergency in the Village pursuant to Section 11-1-6 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-1-6; and

**WHEREAS**, declaration of a state of emergency in the Village is necessary in order to allow the Village to assist in preventing the loss of life and injuries, alleviating damages, loss, hardship and suffering related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED, UNDER OATH BY THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:**

**SECTION 1: Incorporation.** The recitals above shall be and are incorporated in this Section 1 as if restated herein.

**SECTION 2: Declaration of a State of Emergency.** A state of emergency is declared in the Village of Western Springs, Cook County, Illinois on account of and in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic (the “Emergency”).

**SECTION 3: Executive Orders.** The Village President is authorized to exercise, by executive order, such powers of the Village President and Board of Trustees as the Village President deems reasonably necessary to allow the Village to respond to the Emergency.

**SECTION 4: Procedures, Protocols and Regulations Subject to Suspension.** The Village Manager shall present requests to the Village President for approval of executive orders described in Section 3 above. Executive orders may address any Village regulations reasonably necessary to allow the Village to respond to the Emergency.

**SECTION 5: Duration.** The state of emergency declared herein shall expire upon the earlier of (a) the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the Village President and Board of Trustees, which is scheduled for April 27, 2020, or (b) withdrawal of this Declaration by the Village President.

**SECTION 6: Filing.** This Declaration shall be filed with the Village Clerk’s Office upon its execution by the Village President.

  
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Alice F. Gallagher, Village President

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 23rd day of March, 2020.



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Elaine Haeske, Notary Public

