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NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SCRANTON, PA – Due to the public health emergency related to the potential spread of the Coronavirus [COVID-19] that exists in the U.S. and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, today Mayor Paige Gebhardt Cagnetti declared a State of Emergency in the City of Scranton and signed a Mayoral Proclamation outlining certain immediate measures and guidance for residents of the City of Scranton.

“The City of Scranton is continuing to provide city services and doing all we can to plan for and prevent this public health emergency. We are here to serve as a source of information for and convener of resources for residents in the face of this crisis.

“This is a time of anxiety and uncertainty for us all. We are working to anticipate the needs of our residents, from food to shelter to lost income and lost business. I want residents to know that we are gathering as many resources as we can to help each other get through this very trying time.

“The people of Scranton are nothing if not tight-knit and resilient. We will weather this together.”

If you are experiencing symptoms you think may be related to Coronavirus [COVID-19], please call your primary care physician, who can advise proper treatment and, if necessary, recommend further testing. You can also call 1-877-PA-HEALTH or Geisinger’s Nurse Triage Line at 570-284-3657 with questions about symptoms or the need for further evaluation or testing.

If you, or someone you care about, are feeling overwhelmed or anxious, call the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s Disaster Distress Helpline at 1-800-985-5590 or NAMI Keystone Pennsylvania’s HelpLine at 1-888-264-7972.

There is a new remote method for City service requests and questions:
scranton311@scrantonpa.gov.