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EMERGENCY DECLARATION
EXTENSION TO JUNE 8, 2020

WHEREAS on Sunday, March 15, 2020 the City of Scranton issued an Emergency Declaration for a period of thirty (30) days, or until rescinded or extended, due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic affecting the health, welfare and safety of residents of the City of Scranton, on the basis that a public health emergency exists whereby the Mayor, and/or her designees, were authorized to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of the public health emergency, and to provide essential services deemed necessary to respond to this emergency requiring personnel, equipment, property, services, and supplies.

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Secretary of Health issued an Order to Stay at Home for all counties in Pennsylvania, providing:

All individuals residing in the Commonwealth are ordered to stay at home except as needed to access, support, or provide life-sustaining business, emergency, or government services. For employees of life-sustaining businesses that remain open, the following child care services may remain open: group and family child care providers in a residence; child care facilities operating under a waiver granted by the Department of Human Services Office of Child Development and Early Learning; and, part-day school age programs operating under an exemption from the March 19, 2020, business closure Orders.

WHEREAS, this Order has been extended to remain in effect until June 4, 2020 as the coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to spread and the number of cases continues to increase throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the City of Scranton.

WHEREAS, Lackawanna County has issued a State of Emergency presently set to expire on June 8, 2020.

WHEREAS, this threat of imminent disaster and emergency continues to have the potential to cause significant adverse impacts upon the population of the City of Scranton; and

WHEREAS, it remains critical to prepare for and respond to suspected or confirmed cases

of COVID-19 in the City of Scranton and to implement measures to mitigate its spread; and

WHEREAS, the City, during this emergency, continues to need to procure goods, property, and services to continue its operations and to respond rapidly to this health crisis; and

WHEREAS, Section 6-14(a) of the Administrative Code of the City of Scranton requires bidding for the purchase, leasing or renting of goods, properties, services or supplies, for all contracts in the amount of \$21,000.00 or in excess thereof; and

WHEREAS, upon application of Section 6-14(e)(1) of the Code, the aforesaid advertising and bidding requirements for the purchasing, leasing, maintenance, or renting of goods, properties, services, or supplies may be waived; and

NOW THEREFORE, I do hereby declare that on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, the Emergency Declaration shall be extended to expire on June 8, 2020 in conformity with Lackawanna County, or until rescinded or extended, due to the pandemic affecting the health, welfare and safety of residents of the City of Scranton, that a public health emergency exists and hereby authorize the Mayor, and/or her designees, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of the public health emergency, and to provide essential services deemed necessary to respond to this emergency requiring personnel, equipment, property, services, and supplies. In accordance with the Administrative Code of the City of Scranton and this Emergency Declaration, the bidding requirements are hereby waived and thereby payment may be made for any other emergency services performed as is necessary.


Mayor Paige G. Cognetti

I hereby certify and concur in the above emergency.


John J. Murray, City Controller