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**A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR
OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA
EXTENDING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON**

OFFICE OF CITY
COUNCIL/CITY CLERK

Pursuant to the City of Scranton Home Rule Charter and executive powers vested in the Mayor, in order to prescribe order in the City of Scranton, I, Paige G. Cognetti, Mayor of the City of Scranton, do hereby **PROCLAIM AND DECLARE** the **STATE OF EMERGENCY** enacted on March 15, 2020 as a result of the public health emergency related to the potential spread of the Coronavirus [COVID-19], that exists in the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including the City of Scranton, as extended to May 15, 2020, shall be further extended to June 8, 2020, or until rescinded or extended.

AND FURTHERMORE, I do, for the period of this **STATE OF EMERGENCY**, hereby continue to restrict public access to the following city properties:

- City Hall, 340 North Washington Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503,
- All City of Scranton Fire Stations throughout the City,
- Weston Field, 892 Providence Road, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18505, and
- Weston Park, 127 Spring Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18508.

AND FURTHERMORE, I hereby declare that the following city properties shall remain available for public access during the period of this **STATE OF EMERGENCY**:

- Scranton Police Department Headquarters, 100 South Washington Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18509, and
- Department of Public Works, 101 West Poplar Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18509.

Provided that while the above facilities remain accessible for essential business, all members of the public are requested, and urged, to refrain from accessing them unless necessary.

AND FURTHERMORE, the following temporary modifications to the use of City facilities are made during the period of this extension of the **STATE OF EMERGENCY** to ensure continued service to the public:

- Scranton Police Department Headquarters shall serve as the temporary location for pick up and drop off of all Licensing, Inspections, and Permits business, and
- The Department of Public Works shall serve as the temporary location for all Department of Treasury business.

Remote accommodations will be developed and implemented for public use as they become available.

AND FURTHERMORE, City parks shall remain accessible to the public during the period of this **STATE OF EMERGENCY**; however, those who utilize the parks should, as a matter of public health and safety, refrain from use of playground equipment and continue to practice social distancing.

AND FURTHERMORE, all non-essential hearings and meetings, including for boards, commissions, and authorities, for purposes of official city business shall remain postponed during the period of this **STATE OF EMERGENCY**. For some meetings and hearings, arrangements for remote accommodations may be made, and made available to the attendees. This provision does not apply to City Council meetings, which shall be set solely by City Council.

AND FURTHERMORE, I urge all residents, businesses, organizations and visitors to abide during the period of this **STATE OF EMERGENCY** by recommendations made by the Center for Disease Control, as well as guidance issued by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and to continue to refrain from all

nonessential travel, gatherings, and business so as to mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus [COVID-19] and, in turn, this public health emergency.

AND FURTHERMORE, this extension of the State of Emergency shall remain in effect until June 8, 2020, or until rescinded or extended.

DONE UNDER MY HAND in the **CITY OF SCRANTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**, this 11th day of May, 2020.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paige G. Cognito".

Paige G. Cognito
Mayor of the City of Scranton