

Emergency Proclamation

WHEREAS, as of March 17, 2020, the World Health Organization has confirmed 173,344 worldwide cases of the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"), including 7,019 deaths; and,

WHEREAS, as of March 17, 2020, there are 1,714 confirmed cases of COVID-19, and thousands more pending or presumed, in the United States, including 68 deaths; and,

WHEREAS, as of March 17, 2020 West Virginia has no confirmed cases of COVID-19, however, every other state throughout the country does have confirmed cases of the virus; and,

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

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Governor of West Virginia declared a state emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the State of West Virginia and the City of Elkins have the opportunity to take proactive and preventative measures to slow down or stop the spread of COVID-19 in our communities;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Van T. Broughton, Mayor of the City of Elkins, do hereby proclaim pursuant to the authority granted in West Virginia Code § 15-5-1, *et seq.*, and Elkins City Charter Sec. 20, *et seq.*, that the spread of COVID-19 in the United States creates an existing and threatened state of emergency endangering the lives, safety, health and welfare of the people within the City of Elkins; and,

I HEREBY DECLARE to all persons the existence of this state of emergency and, in order to more effectively protect the welfare of the people within the City, effective upon the signing of this proclamation, I will be exercising the authority granted to me in West Virginia Code § 15-5-1, *et seq.*, and Elkins City Charter Sec. 20, *et seq.*, through the issuance of executive orders, emergency policies, and use and direction of City personnel, services, and equipment to perform acts necessary to the management of this existing and threatened state of emergency; and,

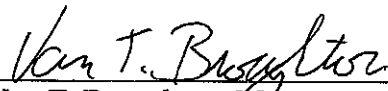
I FURTHER DELEGATE to the City Clerk the same authority granted to me in West Virginia Code § 15-5-1, *et seq.*, and Elkins City Code Sec. 20, *et seq.*, to issue such policies and direct City personnel, services, and equipment, to perform acts necessary to the management of this existing and threatened state of emergency.

Pursuant to the authority granted to me in West Virginia Code § 15-5-1, *et seq.*, and Elkins City Code Sec. 20, *et seq.*, it shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provision of any restriction imposed by the executive orders or emergency policies issued under the authority of this proclamation.

Upon execution, this proclamation shall be filed with the City Clerk and a copy shall be sent to the Randolph county Commission and the Governor of West Virginia. This proclamation and any executive order or emergency policy issued under the authority of this proclamation shall be available for public view on the City of Elkins website.

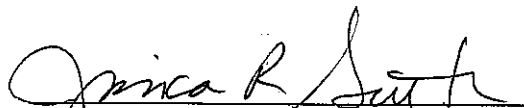
This proclamation shall be in effect until I issue a subsequent proclamation rescinding the existing and threatened state of emergency.

DATED this 17th day of March at 1:30 p.m.



Van T. Broughton, Mayor
City of Elkins, West Virginia

Witnessed by:



Jessica R. Sutton, City Clerk
City of Elkins, West Virginia