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DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on **March 18, 2020** a novel coronavirus (now known as COVID-19) emerged in Wuhan, China, began infecting humans in December 2019, and has since spread to 89 countries, including the United States, and has caused or threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of the City of Shamokin; and

WHEREAS, this novel coronavirus has endangered the health, safety, and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in the City of Shamokin, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than the City of Shamokin may be able to resolve; and

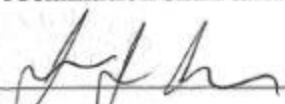
WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the affected residents of the City of Shamokin:

NOW, THEREFORE, we the undersigned Councilpersons of the City of Shamokin, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 PA C.S., Section 7501), as amended, do hereby proclaim the existence of a disaster emergency in the City of Shamokin.

FURTHER, we direct the City of Shamokin Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of the disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

STILL FURTHER, we authorize the officials of the City of Shamokin to act as necessary to meet the current demands of this emergency, namely; by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

This Proclamation shall take effect immediately.



Mayor, City of Shamokin

Attest: 

Date: 3/18/2020

This Declaration of Disaster Emergency also authorizes the officials of the City of Shamokin to act as necessary and has done so by restricting public access to city hall, the tax office, the police station, playgrounds, parks, and by restricting the assembling and gathering of groups of people on public streets and places to no more than 10 people.