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**DECLARATION OF
STATE OF MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY**

June 2, 2020

WHEREAS, peaceful protests have been held across the country in response to the tragic death of George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25, 2020; however, demonstration activities across the country have been escalated, by some persons, into events which have included acts of violence, primarily during the hours of darkness; and

WHEREAS, on the night of June 1, 2020 into the early morning hours of June 2, 2020, the City of Providence experienced substantial violence; including the vandalizing of numerous store fronts, the breaking into and looting of stores within the Providence Place Mall, as wells as throughout the downtown area, the throwing of bricks and other dangerous objects at police and others, and the setting ablaze of the police vehicle in the public street; and

WHEREAS, additional threats have been made that there is an intention to commit further acts of violence in other communities; and

WHEREAS, the adjacent communities of Central Falls and Pawtucket have issued curfews in response to these threats; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Laws §§ 30-15-12 and 30-15-13, as well as the Cumberland Charter permit the Mayor to declare a state of emergency in response to both natural and man-made disasters, including riots, in order to take appropriate measures for the protection of the health, safety, and resources of the people of the Town of Cumberland as wells as in order to prevent or minimize the loss of life and property; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of a curfew has been deemed necessary to protect the Town and its residents from endangerment and harm to their health, safety and property.

NOW THEREFORE, I JEFFREY J. MUTTER, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Cumberland, pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws and the Cumberland Town Charter, do hereby order and direct the following:

1. A state of emergency is hereby declared for the Town of Cumberland due to the dangers to life and property posed by the recent acts of violence and destruction, which have taken place in nearby communities.

2. I hereby establish a daily curfew from 8:30 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. during which hours no person shall be allowed in the public streets, ways or places in the Town.
3. This curfew shall not apply to first responders and emergency medical technicians, individuals traveling directly to and from essential work or performing essential work, people experiencing homelessness and without access to a viable shelter, individuals seeking medical treatment or medical supplies or fleeing dangerous circumstances, police officers, peace officers, firefighters, members of the news media. "Essential work" is work defined by the Governor's emergency declarations and executive orders related to the ongoing threat posed by COVID-19 to health and welfare of city residents.
4. The Town's disaster emergency plan is hereby activated, and the Cumberland Emergency Management Agency is directed to activate the Town's emergency operations center and all necessary Town emergency response plans, policies, compacts and agreements. All Town departments, agencies, or quasi-municipal agencies and boards and commissions performing executive functions shall cooperate fully with CEMA in all matters concerning this Order.
5. Nothing in this Executive Order shall constrain the duties and powers of the Town, the Mayor or CEMA as authorized by Title 30, Chapter 15 of the General Laws and the Town of Cumberland Charter and Code of Ordinances.
6. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect through and until June 9, 2020, or until such time as is issued a declaration that the need for a state of emergency has abated.

So Ordered:



Jeffrey J. Mutter, Mayor