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DECLARATION OF STATE OF MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS: COVID-19 has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization and on March 9, 2020, Governor Gina Raimondo made a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for Rhode Island to combat the spread of COVID-19, and

WHEREAS: Upon the advice of Governor Gina Raimondo and the Rhode Island Department of Health, the Mayor of the Town of Cumberland has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS: The intention of this Declaration is to provide Mayor Jeffery J. Mutter with greater flexibility to manage the day-to-day operations of the Town as this situation evolves; and

WHEREAS: While to-date, there have been no presumptive cases or positive tests for COVID-19 in Cumberland, this Declaration recognizes the critical necessity for appropriate preventative measures to protect the health and wellbeing of its residents, and

WHEREAS: This Declaration leaves the flexibility for further actions to be taken; and

WHEREAS: Article III, Chapter 306 (J) gives the Mayor the power and authority to declare a state of municipal emergency in the event of a disaster, catastrophe, or other similar event, or the eminent danger thereof, which endangers the health, welfare, safety, or resources of the people of the Town and to take such lawful action as the Mayor deems necessary to protect the health, safety and security of the Town and its inhabitants.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFFREY J. MUTTER, pursuant to the powers vested in the Mayor by the Cumberland Town Charter, do hereby order and direct the following:

1. A State of Municipal Emergency is declared for the Town of Cumberland due to the dangers to residents' health and well-being posed by COVID-19.
2. In accordance with RI Department of Health and Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations, the Town of Cumberland encourages residents to

practice social distancing and to avoid gatherings of twenty-five (25) and more individuals.

3. The Town will not issue any entertainment licenses until at least until April 14, 2020 and has revoked any current entertainment licenses for this same period of time to enforce social distancing.
4. Town parks and open spaces will be monitored by Cumberland Police to ensure compliance with limiting social gatherings to fewer than twenty-five individuals.
5. To protect the health and well-being of both Town employees and residents, Town Hall will be operating at a reduced staff level. It is strongly encouraged that residents make an appointment with the appropriate Town department. If necessary, the Town will be limiting the number individuals in Town Hall to allow for proper social distancing.

This Declaration shall take place immediately on the 16th day of March 2020 and shall remain in full force and effect until April 14, 2020 unless renewed, modified or terminated by subsequent Declaration.

Jeffrey J. Mutter, Mayor of Cumberland