

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
FOR THE TOWN OF CHAPLIN, CONNECTICUT**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut declared a public health and civil preparedness emergency for the State of Connecticut, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 19a-131 and 28-9, in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19 disease associated with a novel coronavirus that is currently affecting multiple countries and states; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency to combat the coronavirus that is currently infecting the population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the effects the transmission of COVID-19 has resulted in the spread of infections in Connecticut and throughout the country, as well as resulting in shortages of personal protective equipment and other supplies that could jeopardize public safety and civil preparedness; and

WHEREAS, in response to the issuance of declarations of a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency by the Governor of this State, and a national emergency by the President of the United States, and the spread of COVID-19 to an unknown and growing number of Connecticut residents as a result of the global pandemic, the First Selectman as Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Chaplin and its Board of Selectman, hereby find that a local state of emergency now exists in the Town of Chaplin; and

WHEREAS, due to the significant danger to public health posed by the spread of COVID-19 and possible shortages of supplies and equipment necessary to protect the public health and safety, the First Selectmen must take action for the purpose of ensuring civil preparedness and mitigating the effects of this public health emergency situation upon the residents of the Town of Chaplin.

WHEREAS, it is critically important that the Chief Executive Officer have all authorities necessary to limit the spread of the COVID-19 and protect public health and safety within the Town of Chaplin; and

WHEREAS, upon the declaration of a local state of emergency by the First Selectman as Chief Executive Officer, Sections 7-12b and 28-8a of the General Statutes authorizes the First Selectman to obligate the Town in an amount of money necessary to cope with such emergency, and to do whatever he/she may deem necessary for the purpose of meeting the emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8a(a), 28-1(8), and 28-22a, it is hereby declared that a state of local emergency now exists in the Town of Chaplin, Connecticut; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCALIMED AND ORDERED, that during the existence of said emergency, the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Chaplin, Connecticut, its First

Selectman, William H. Rose IV, shall assume the powers, functions and duties prescribed and provided by law, including but not limited to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 7-12b, 28-8(a), 28-1(8), and 28-22a, and the Civil Preparedness Agency Ordinance of 1976, and Civil Emergency Preparedness Team Ordinance of 2013 of the Town of Chaplin, and may take such action as necessary to protect the public health and mitigate this emergency; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that this state of emergency shall remain in effect until declared terminated; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this order shall be available for review and inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Chaplin during regular business hours and shall be posted on the Town website.

Dated: 3/18/2020



**William H. Rose IV, First Selectman
Chief Executive Officer**

AGREED:



**Kenneth Fortier
Selectman**



**Joe Pinto
Selectman**

Attested: Shaw Smith
**Town Clerk
Town Clerk**