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EMERGENCY ORDER PROHIBITING RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL GATHERINGS OVER 10 PEOPLE

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WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut declared a public health emergency and a 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, on March 17, 2020, the City Manager of the City of Meriden, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8a(a), 28-1(8), and 28-22, and pursuant to Chapter 87, Section 87-5 of the City Code, declared a state of emergency due to the significant danger to public health posed by the spread of COVID-19, the shortages of supplies and equipment necessary to protect the public health and safety, and the spread of COVID-19 to residents of the City of Meriden as a result of the global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, due to the significant adverse impact on public health of COVID-19, the City Manager is compelled to take action for the purpose of ensuring civil preparedness and mitigating the adverse effects of this emergency situation upon the residents of Meriden; and

WHEREAS, among best practices and prescribed measures of mitigation in light of this public health emergency is social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Governor Ned Lamont issued Executive Order No. 7D that limits social gatherings throughout the State to no more than fifty (50) people, including religious, spiritual, or worship gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control has recommended that social gatherings be limited to no more than ten (10) people to optimize the benefits of social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the powers granted by Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8a(a), 28-1(8), and 28-22, and Chapter V, Section C5-2 of the Charter of the City of Meriden, proclaim said City Manager to have and exercise all executive and administrative powers conferred upon any municipal chief executive; and

WHEREAS, the duties assigned by the City Charter to the City Manager of the City of Meriden require said City Manager to cause the Charter, the Ordinances, and laws to be executed and enforced and to conserve

the peace within the City. The City Manager shall be responsible for the good order and efficient government of the City; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City and People of Meriden to promote public health and to ensure civil preparedness to minimize the adverse impacts of the current public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency posed by the spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that, pursuant to the powers and duties granted in the Connecticut General Statutes and the Charter, Code, and Ordinances of the City of Meriden, in response to the civil preparedness and public health emergency now facing the City of Meriden, and in accordance with the advice from the City's public health officials, effective on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. through April 30, 2020, unless earlier modified, extended, or terminated, gatherings of more than 10 people for social and recreational activities, including but not limited to, community, civic, leisure, or sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; plays or live performances; conventions; and similar activities, as well as religious, spiritual or worship gatherings of such size, are prohibited in the City of Meriden; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this order will be made publicly available for inspection and review in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Meriden, and shall be posted on the City of Meriden website.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Timothy P. Coon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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