

**DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on or about 16 March 2020 a COVID-19 Pandemic has caused or threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of the Borough of Catasauqua; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic has endangered the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in the Borough of Catasauqua, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than the Borough of Catasauqua 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 affected residents in the Borough of Catasauqua;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Borough Council Members/Mayor of the Borough of Catasauqua, 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 Borough of Catasauqua;

FURTHER, we direct the Borough of Catasauqua Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this 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 officials of the Borough of Catasauqua 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 Declaration shall take effect immediately.

(MAYOR)

Barbara A Schlegel  
(Mayor)

Attest: [Signature]

Date: March 16, 2020