DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL DISASTER AND/OR EMERGENCY FOR LAFAYETTE PARISH, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, Lafayette Parish is faced with a public health emergency resulting from the outbreak of a respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus named "SARS-CoV-2," with the disease it causes, having been named "coronavirus disease 2019" or "COVID-19;" and

WHEREAS. Lafayette Parish has reason to believe that COVID-19 may be spread by various means of exposure, including person-to-person contact, and multiple Louisiana residents have now tested presumptively positive for the disease; and

WHEREAS, immediate emergency actions are required to minimize the imminent effects of this public health emergency, including, but not limited to, taking measures to restrict person-to-person contact; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Louisiana has also declared a state-wide public health emergency pursuant to Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020, issued on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City-Parish Mayor-President of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government, as authorized by Louisiana law, including, but not limited to, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act (La. R.S. 29:721, et seq.), as well as any applicable provision of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Home Rule Charter, is authorized to declare a state of local disaster and/or emergency for Lafayette Parish under these circumstances; and accordingly

NOW, THEREFORE, Josh Guillory, City-Parish Mayor-President for Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government, hereby declares that a state of local disaster and/or emergency for Lafayette Parish, Louisiana exists and declares the same under the aforesaid authority.

DECLARED this _______ day of March, 2020 at _______ A.M. P.M. at Lafayette, Louisiana.

> Josh Guillory, City-Parish Mayor-President LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH

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