PROCLAMATION DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL RESPONSE

WHEREAS: The World Health Organization has declared the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS: The President of the United States has declared a National Emergency pursuant to section 501 (b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the “Stafford Act”); and

WHEREAS: The Governor of the State of Iowa has proclaimed a State of Disaster Emergency applicable to all Iowa jurisdictions under the authorities vested to the Governor by the Iowa Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 1, 8 and Iowa Code §§ 29C.6 (1); and

WHEREAS: On March 20, 2020, it was confirmed that the spread of the virus reached Linn County through a positive individual test; and

WHEREAS: The impacts of the pandemic are anticipated to be county-wide and require the deployment of assets, emergency expenditure of funds, and requesting resources and support from community partners and state and federal authorities.

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN THAT the City of Marion, Iowa, pursuant to the authority vested in said city by the Iowa Constitution, and by Iowa Code § 364.1 and § 372.14(s), and by applicable jurisdictional codes and ordinances related to Civil Emergencies hereby recognizes a civil emergency exists within the City of Marion and declares a State of Disaster Emergency.

Pursuant to the Code of Iowa, I, Nicolas AbouAssaly, Mayor of the City of Marion, Iowa, hereby ORDER and DIRECT the following:

SECTION 1. This declaration activates the disaster response and recovery aspects of the Linn County Comprehensive Emergency Plan as pertains to Marion and those additional response plans applicable to this disaster emergency and authorizes the use and deployment of all available municipal resources, supplies, equipment and materials as are reasonably necessary to assist in the preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation of this disaster emergency.

SECTION 2. It is hereby ordered that all municipal agencies and departments are authorized to utilize such personnel, equipment, and facilities necessary to assist the Linn County Public Health Department and the Linn County Emergency Management Agency in performing any and all activities necessary to prevent, contain, and mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 virus.
SECTION 3. All participating municipal departments are authorized to provide assistance to the Linn County Public Health Department and Linn County Emergency Management Agency in a manner consistent with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and pursuant to the Linn County Comprehensive Emergency Plan.

SECTION 4. This state of disaster emergency shall be effective at midnight March 18, 2020 and shall continue until cancelled by the Mayor. The sunset of this declaration will be three (3) months from the date of enactment unless sooner terminated or extended in writing by the Mayor.

SECTION 5. The City Manager of the City of Marion, in consultation with the Mayor, is authorized to enter into contracts and to make necessary emergency expenditures not to exceed $50,000 per expense during the duration of the emergency as required to coordinate disaster response.

Hereby proclaimed on this 24th day of March, 2020.

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Nicolas AbouAssaly, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rachel Bolender, City Clerk