

CITY OF TORONTO
DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

I, *John Tory*, **MAYOR**, of the **CITY OF TORONTO** declare for the purposes of s.4 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, and s.59-5.1 of City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 59, Emergency Management, that:

an emergency exists within the entirety of the City of Toronto, as a result of: the presence of **Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)**, within the City. **Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)** is a disease that is readily communicable from person to person (by direct contact or when respiratory secretions from the ill person enter the eyes, nose or mouth of another person) and carries a risk of not only symptoms such as: fever, cough and difficulty breathing, but serious complications such as pneumonia or kidney failure, and may result in death. The spread of **Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)** has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization.

The spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), and its presence within the City of Toronto therefore poses a risk to the health of the residents of the City of Toronto. Please note that due to the aforementioned emergency, I will, dependent upon circumstances and upon advice, take further actions, including the issuance of orders, as I consider necessary and not contrary to law: to implement the City's Emergency Plan; or to protect property, and the health, safety, and welfare of individuals within the City of Toronto.

DATED this *23* day of *March*, 2020.



Signature of Head of Council

Mayor John Tory

Name of Head of Council