

## **DECLARATION**

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, and pursuant to the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.9, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, on the recommendation of the Premier and President of the Executive Council, did order a Declaration of Emergency throughout the Province of Ontario in respect of the outbreak of a coronavirus disease, designated as COVID-19, as constituting a danger of major proportions that could result in serious harm to persons;

AND WHEREAS the provisions of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act contemplate that, in order to protect, among other things, the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of a municipality, the head of Council of such municipality may declare that a state of emergency exists in the said municipality or any part thereof;

AND WHEREAS the risk of the spread of the said COVID-19 disease into and within the territorial limits of the County of Elgin constitutes a danger to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the said County of Elgin;

AND WHEREAS following consultation with Southwestern Public Health and after reviewing local resources;

AND WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the County of Elgin and its inhabitants that a formal state of emergency now be declared for the protection of those inhabitants of the County of Elgin as against the risk of COVID-19 and as the basis for, amongst other things, implementation of both the Elgin County Pandemic Emergency Plan and enactment of temporary measures to ensure effective and efficient exercise of municipal authority and powers during such period of emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID MENNILL, Warden of the County of Elgin and pursuant to section 4(1) of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, hereby declare that a state of emergency exists in the County of Elgin.

Dated at Central Elgin, Ontario this 21st day of March, 2020.

Name: David Mennill

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Position: Warden