

STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

**TO ALL RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES AND PERSONS WITHIN
THE BOROUGH OF LAKE COMO NEW JERSEY AND TO ALL DEPARTMENTS OF
THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKE COMO**

WHEREAS, Coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) is a contagious, and at times fatal, respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic;

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation’s healthcare community in responding to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of New Jersey declared a Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency in the State of New Jersey via Executive Order No. 103; and

WHEREAS the Executive Order No. 103 of the Governor directs the activation of county and municipal emergency operation plans, in order to fully and adequately protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the State of New Jersey from any actual or potential threat or danger that may exist from the possible exposure to COVID-19;

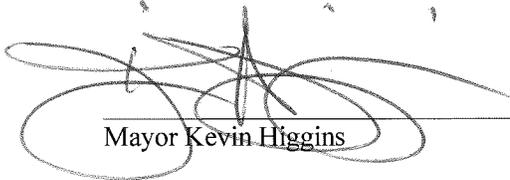
WHEREAS, as of March 12, 2020, there were 29 presumed positive cases of COVID-19 in New Jersey, and 5 cases in Monmouth County, and the spread of COVID-19 will be exponential without effective containment;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the powers vested in me by Chapter 251 of the laws of 1942, as amended and supplemented, N.J.S.A. App. A: 9-30 et seq.; N.J.S.A. 40:48-1 (6); § 2-3 and § 3-19 of the Code of Borough of Lake Como, whichever law or laws apply, in consultation with Borough Police Chief, I DO DECLARE and PROCLAIM that a state of emergency exists within the Borough of Lake Como, and I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the following:

- All Borough Departments and agencies shall provide all necessary assistance to federal, state and local authorities to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of the Borough during this COVID-19 outbreak, and shall prioritize the most vulnerable Borough residents and develop the appropriate contingency plans to avoid any disruption of services and shall take all reasonable measures to protect the health and safety of our vulnerable and at-risk populations;
- All Borough employees shall follow all local, County, State and Federal health recommendations, in addition to Centers for Disease Control recommendations including but not limited to handwashing, sanitizing and basic infection control procedures.

- All in-person municipal meetings, including those of Council and various municipal boards and committees, are hereby suspended until further notice.
- All non-essential group events, including festivals and parades, or public gatherings within the Borough scheduled within the next thirty (30) days are cancelled.
- All municipal permits for special events are hereby cancelled and invalidated during this state of emergency.
- To combat COVID-19, the Borough shall be permitted whenever necessary to procure the necessary goods or services, which are not available under contracts currently in existence with the Borough, without complying with the New Jersey Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 *seq.*), including but not limited to the following:
 - to award emergency contracts, including but not limited to emergency contracts or leases for relocation and support of Borough operations for professional services for purchases of commodities, services, and technology;
 - to purchase food, supplies, services, and equipment;
 - to procure any supplies or equipment required to ensure adequate sanitization, cleaning or sterilization of any facility or location.
- This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days or until such time as this Declaration is rescinded.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
13th day of March,
Two Thousand and Twenty



Mayor Kevin Higgins