

**CITY OF SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS, BOARD OF HEALTH  
DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, a sudden, generally unexpected occurrence of circumstances demanding public action has arisen within the world, country, state and City of Salem due to the novel COVID-19 pandemic and other illnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has declared a national emergency due to this situation and has directed the agencies of the national government to take appropriate actions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has declared a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and declared and has directed the agencies of the state government to take appropriate actions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Salem has declared a state of Emergency in the City of Salem and has directed all agencies and departments in the City of Salem to take appropriate actions; and

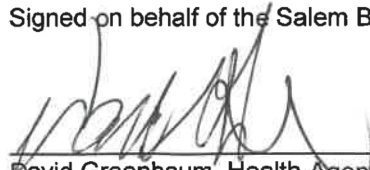
**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Salem, Massachusetts, upon advice from advisors, or their designees, has determined that the situation poses a present, reasonable and imminent danger to public health, safety, or general welfare of the people of Salem or their property so that it has become necessary for the Mayor, with such assistance and staff as she deems necessary, to utilize and coordinate the services, equipment, supplies, and facilities of existing departments, offices, and agencies or the community, both locally, regionally, statewide and nationally, if necessary, including the taking or ordinary and extraordinary actions for the purposes of emergency management and emergency functions to protect the public; and

**WHEREAS**, a Declaration of Emergency and immediate action is needed to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage to public health, safety, or general welfare of the people of commonwealth and/or property which may otherwise result from the above described situation; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of the community of Salem should be able to depend upon guidance from their Chief Municipal Officials.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City of Salem Board of Health, hereby declares that as of **Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 12:01AM** a Public Health Emergency is declared to exist by the Board of Health and authorizes and directs, under the direction of the Mayor, all City personnel and agents to take action appropriate to respond to this situation and ratifies, confirms and adopts any related action taken prior to the formal adoption of this Declaration. It is hereby further ordered that David Greenbaum as Health Agent shall serve as the agent of the Board of Health to effectuate the intent of this Order. This Declaration of a Public Health Emergency shall remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to the Board of Health's judgment, that the Public Health Emergency no longer exists.

Signed on behalf of the Salem Board of Health:

  
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David Greenbaum, Health Agent