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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
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The novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is highly contagious and is spread through close contact between persons and respiratory transmission. The disease results in mild to severe symptoms, including death. COVID-19 was declared to be a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020. The community spread of cases of COVID-19 in the United States poses a serious health risk for Columbia residents and visitors. The identification of additional cases in Missouri is likely to continue and the community spread places the safety and welfare of our citizens in jeopardy.

On March 13 the President of the United States declared that the outbreak of COVID-19 constituted a national emergency and the Governor Mike Parson declared a state of emergency in the State of Missouri.

Our community needs to remain preemptive and vigilant to protect the health and safety of our citizens. It is clear proactive and extraordinary measures are necessary to prevent community spread and a substantial risk to public health and safety within the City of Columbia. Accordingly, due to COVID-19 I am hereby issuing a declaration of emergency within the City of Columbia, Missouri, effective immediately.

With the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and the Director of Public Health, temporary emergency regulations will be established in the coming days targeted at reducing the community spread of COVID-19 and which will ensure the health, safety and welfare of persons within the City. This declaration will give our community access to much needed state and national resources to combat the proliferation of COVID-19.

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