

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
FOR THE SIMSBURY FIRE DISTRICT, CONNECTICUT**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut declared a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency for the State of Connecticut, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 19a-131 and 28-9, in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19 disease associated with a novel coronavirus that is currently affecting multiple countries and states; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency to combat the coronavirus that is currently infecting the population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the effects the transmission of COVID-19 has resulted in the spread of infections in Connecticut and throughout the country, as well as resulting in shortages of personal protective equipment and other supplies that could jeopardize public safety and civil preparedness; and

WHEREAS, in response to the issuance of declarations of a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency by the Governor of this State, and a national emergency by the President of the United States, and the spread of COVID-19 to an unknown number of Connecticut residents as a result of the global pandemic, President Gary Wilcox and Town First Selectman Eric Wellman, hereby find that a local state of emergency now exists in the Town of Simsbury and the Simsbury Fire District; and

WHEREAS, due to the significant danger to public health posed by the spread of COVID-19 and possible shortages of supplies and equipment necessary to protect the public health and safety, the Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director must take action for the purpose of ensuring civil preparedness and mitigating the effects of this public health emergency situation upon the residents of the Simsbury Fire District.

WHEREAS, it is critically important that the Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director have all authorities necessary to limit the spread of the COVID-19 and protect public health and safety within the Simsbury Fire District; and

WHEREAS, upon the declaration of a local state of emergency by the First Selectman and the President of the Simsbury Fire District In accordance with the Fire District By-laws, Article IX Section 4 authorizes the Fire Chief to obligate the District in an amount of money necessary to cope with such emergency, and to do whatever he may deem necessary for the purpose of meeting the emergency.

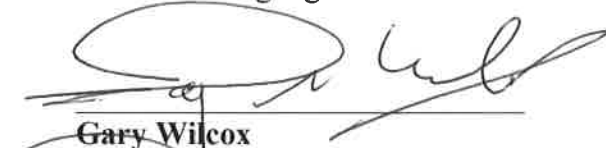
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8a(a), 28-1(8), and 28-22a, that a state of local emergency now exists in the Simsbury Fire District; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that during the existence of said emergency, the Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director of Simsbury may take such action as necessary to protect the public health and mitigate this emergency; and


IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that this state of emergency shall remain in effect until declared terminated; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this order shall be available for review and inspection in the Office of the Fire District Clerk during regular business hours and shall be posted on the Fire District website.

Dated: 3-17-2020



Gary Wilcox
President
Simsbury Fire District

Attested: 
John Solury
Fire District Clerk