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Resolution providing for further renewal by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh of a Declaration of Disaster Emergency, ratified by Council on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020; to extend the effectiveness of the Declaration for twenty-nine (29) additional days thereby making the Declaration effective until June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021; in response to the ongoing public health emergency associated with the spread of coronavirus.

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh issued a Declaration of Emergency ("Declaration") in response to the existing public health emergency associated with the spread of COVID-19 on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Pittsburgh ratified the Declaration on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and renewed the Declaration to remain in effect until April 10<sup>th</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup>, May 19<sup>th</sup>, May 26<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup>, June 16<sup>th</sup>, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, June 30<sup>th</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup>, August 25<sup>th</sup>, September 8<sup>th</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup>, November 10<sup>th</sup>, and December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 via Resolutions 140, 139, 162, 214, 217, 225, 249, 261, 271, 281, 310, 319, 433, 456, 514, 581, and 631 of 2020 and 9, 123, 193, and 255 of 2021, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania issued on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 an amendment to the Governor's original Proclamation of Disaster Emergency dated March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, to extend the duration of the Order for 90 days until Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant the Governor's Proclamation in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Disease Prevention and Control Act, the Governor's Office and Pennsylvania Department of Health have since issued various orders, providing directives and guidance to businesses and the public to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Allegheny County Health Department Director reported on April 7, 2021 reported that Allegheny County is experiencing a fourth wave of COVID-19 cases; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Pennsylvania announced that most COVID-19 mitigation orders are proposed to be lifted on May 31, 2021, excluding, among others, the mask mandate which is proposed to be lifted upon the vaccination of 70% of adults within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City Pittsburgh believes that the Declaration of Emergency should be extended for a period not-to-exceed twenty-nine (29) days from the date of potential expiration, subject to further renewal of the Council of the City of Pittsburgh at such time, in order to provide the City of Pittsburgh with the appropriate means to address the existing public health emergency associated with the spread of COVID-19; and

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WHEREAS, as a result, the Council of the City of Pittsburgh wishes to renew the Mayor's Declaration of Emergency for a period not-to-exceed twenty-nine (29) days.

**Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:**

**Section 1.** The Declaration of Emergency, ratified by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, is hereby extended and renewed by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh for a period of twenty-nine (29) from May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021- June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, unless terminated earlier, in accordance with all applicable law including City of Pittsburgh Code §113.03 and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code at 35 Pa. C.S. § 7501.