## COLLIER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

## Allegheny County, Pennsylvania Declaration of Disaster Emergency 1-2020 (Related to COVID-19)

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus (now known as "COVID-19") emerged in Wuhan, China, and began infecting humans in December, 2019, and has since spread to numerous countries, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") have declared COVID-19 a "public health emergency of international concern," and the U.S. Department of Human Services ("HHS") Secretary has declared that COVID-19 creates a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 a "global pandemic"; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared COVID-19 a National Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 6, 2020, the Governor of Pennsylvania has declared COVID-19 a disaster emergency throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 31, 2020, the President of the United States granted the Pennsylvania Governor's request for a major disaster declaration; and

WHEREAS, the spread of the virus creates a public health emergency and threatens to cause injury, damages and suffering to the persons and property of the Township of Collier; and

WHEREAS, the Collier Township Municipal Authority (the "Authority"), is a municipal authority organized and existing under the Municipalities Authorities Act of 1945, as amended, 53 Pa. C.S.A. §5601 et. seq. ("Act"), as amended, and has been commissioned by the Township of Collier to construct and thereafter maintain a public sanitary system in the Township; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has endangered the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in the Township of Collier and threatens to create problems of significant scope for the Authority of the Township of Collier; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures may be required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents in the Township of Collier; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Board of Directors of the Authority do hereby join in the aforementioned disaster declarations and/or declare the existence of a disaster emergency in the Township of Collier and within its service limits.

**FURTHER**, we direct the Authority to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

STILL FURTHER, we authorize the Authority to act consistently with the aforementioned disaster declarations as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency including, but not limited to, the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials, and entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency.

This Declaration shall take effect immediately, the 12th day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands and seals this 27th day

ATTEST:

COLLIER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Authority Manager/Secretary

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