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PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the **BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL** is currently experiencing a historic winter storm accompanied by brutally cold temperatures, extreme snowfall, and hazardous conditions; and

WHEREAS, these conditions pose an immediate and ongoing threat to the health, safety, and welfare of residents; and

WHEREAS, the severity of the storm has resulted in dangerously low temperatures, snow-covered and dangerous roadways, and emergency response delays; and

WHEREAS, despite the best efforts of the Borough personnel, extreme weather conditions, and ongoing snowfall has created circumstances beyond normal capacity of Borough resources; and

WHEREAS, these conditions require immediate action to protect public safety, allow for emergency response flexibility, and facilitate access to assistance, repairs, and potential external resources;

WHEREAS, Subsection 7501(b) of Pennsylvania's Emergency Management Services Act, 35 Pa.C.S.A. § 7501(b), authorizes a mayor of a political subdivision of the Commonwealth to declare a local disaster emergency; and

WHEREAS, Subsection 10A06(b)(4) of the Borough Code, 8 Pa.C.S.A. § 10A06(b)(4), authorizes a mayor to issue a proclamation declaring a state of emergency for a period not to exceed seven days unless sooner rescinded, modified or ratified or extended by resolution of Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned Mayor of the **BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL**, pursuant to the authority vested in him by law, does hereby **DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY** within the **BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL**, effective immediately as of January 26, 2026.

FURTHER, I hereby direct the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response and to take all appropriate action to alleviate effects of the disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other appropriate action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency; and

FURTHER, I authorize the Borough administration, the Churchill Police Department, and public works employees and contractors to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, and by entering into such

contracts and agreements as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted; and

FURTHER, I authorize the Borough to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to disaster emergency management, response and recovery; and

FURTHER, I direct all departments of the Borough of Churchill to track and submit all expenditures related to this emergency to the Borough Manager; and

FURTHER, I authorize the Borough Office to be closed to the public. Staff should be available by phone and email during the following office hours, M-F, 8:30 AM – 4PM; and

STILL FURTHER, this Proclamation shall become effective immediately and will continue for seven (7) days from the date hereof unless ratified and extended or modified by the Council of the Borough of Churchill.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL



Michelle McAndrew, Manager/Secretary



Paul Gamrat, Mayor