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### **EMERGENCY ORDER FINDING IMMINENT DANGER TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND PROHIBITING GATHERING OF PEOPLE**

This Order is made pursuant to Sections 2451 and 2453 of the Public Health Code, Public Act 368 of 1978, being MCL §§ 333.2451 and 333.2453.

Important information has been brought to the attention of the Chief Public Health Officer of the Detroit Health Department, Denise Fair (the "Health Officer"), as described below, and the Health Officer has made the following determinations:

1. Michigan is currently in a state of emergency due to the outbreak of a contagious, novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, and the related illness known as COVID-19.
2. The infection transmission pathways for this new disease are not entirely understood, but it is well settled that close, in-person social interaction risks the spread of infection.
3. On May 18, 2020, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services issued an Emergency Order, requiring that "the procedures and restrictions outlined in Executive Order ("EO") 2020-69, EO 2020-71, EO 2020-91 and EO 2020-92 are necessary to control the epidemic and protect the public health;" and further stating that, "The procedures and restrictions outlined in EO 2020-69, EO 2020-71, EO 2020-91 and EO 2020-92... remain in place until this order is lifted."
4. EO 2020-91 states in pertinent part, "Restaurants and bars must: (a) Limit capacity to 50% of normal seating; Require six feet of separation between parties or groups... Post sign(s) instructing customers to wear face coverings until they get to their table."
5. On June 25, 2020, news outlets reported that dozens of individuals in East Lansing, Michigan were infected by frequenting a popular restaurant, stating specifically, "A COVID-19 outbreak connected to Harper's Restaurant has infected at least 34 people, a health department spokeswoman said Wednesday afternoon."

6. The crowds of people who gather on Monroe Street between Beaubien and St. Antoine on weekend evenings in the summer months create a significant risk to the loss of control of the COVID epidemic and present an imminent danger to the health and lives of Detroiters.
7. An order that closes the area in question is required to guard against an unacceptable risk and no less intrusive or limiting control is available.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that:

- A. The area of Detroit on Monroe Street between Beaubien and St. Antoine (“Location”) shall be hereby closed and not accessible to members of the public on weekend evenings in the summer months except as necessary to travel to/from the inside of businesses in operation.

Dated: June 26, 2020



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