

**EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 56  
BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE**

**WHEREAS**, I, Indya Kincannon, Mayor of the City of Knoxville, declared a civil emergency on March 16, 2020, pursuant to TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 38-9-101, et seq. and 58-2-110 and Knoxville Code 9-1 due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, as of March 12, 2021, there were at least 789,621 COVID-19 cases in Tennessee, with 47,966 confirmed cases in Knox County and evidence of continued community transmission; and

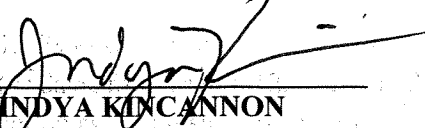
**WHEREAS**, many lives have been saved because of restrictions like those required by the Knox County Health Department; however, more than 11,640 Tennesseans have lost their lives because of Covid-19, and the disease still presents a serious threat across Tennessee that could persist in certain areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this Emergency Executive Order No. 56 is to extend the declaration of emergency set forth in the City of Knoxville's executive order adopted on March 16, 2020, for another seven (7) days until March 19, 2021, to complement the Knox County Health Department's Community Strategy for Phased Reopening.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, INDYA KINCANNON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE**, pursuant to the authority vested in the Mayor under TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 38-9-101, et seq. and 58-2-110, the Charter of the City of Knoxville § 303(M), and Knoxville Code §§ 9-1, 9-5, and 9-6, and pursuant to the aforesaid powers and the Proclamation of Emergency declared on March 16, 2020 and extended on March 23, 2020, March 30, 2020, April 6, 2020, April 13, 2020, April 20, 2020, April 27, 2020, May 1, 2020, May 8, 2020, May 15, 2020, May 22, 2020, May 29, 2020, June 5, 2020, June 12, 2020, June 19, 2020, June 26, 2020, July 2, 2020, July 10, 2020, July 17, 2020, July 24, 2020, August 7, 2020, August 14, 2020, August 21, 2020, August 28, 2020, September 4, 2020, September 11, 2020, September 18, 2020, September 25, 2020, October 2, 2020, October 9, 2020, October 16, 2020, October 23, 2020, October 30, 2020, November 6, 2020, November 13, 2020, November 20, 2020, November 27, 2020, December 4, 2020, December 11, 2020, December 18, 2020, December 25, 2020, January 1, 2021, January 8, 2021, January 15, 2021, January 22, 2021, January 29, 2021, February 5, 2021, February 12, 2021, February 19, 2021, February 26, 2021, March 5, 2021 and March 12, 2021 hereby direct and order the following:

1. Extension. The Proclamation of Emergency declared on March 16, 2020 shall be extended for a period of seven (7) days, from March 12, 2021 at 12:00 a.m. until March 19, 2021, unless modified or rescinded by further mayoral action as circumstances require.
2. Intent of this Order. The intent of this Order is to extend the existing declaration of Civil Emergency so as to complement the Knox County Health Department's Community Strategy for a Phased Reopening of Knox County and the City of Knoxville. All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent. The Director of Law, or his designee(s), shall have the authority to provide clarifications, make findings, and issue opinions in relation to this Order.

**ORDERED, EFFECTIVE AND ISSUED:**

  
**INDYA KINCANNON**  
Mayor, City of Knoxville  
March 12, 2021

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