EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7
BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor of the State of Tennessee declared a state of emergency to facilitate the response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, I, Indya Kincannon, Mayor of the City of Knoxville, declared a civil emergency within the City of Knoxville pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated §§ 39-9-101(2) and 58-2-110 and Knoxville Code § 9-1 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, when there were at least 154 COVID-19 cases in Tennessee, I issued Emergency Executive Order No. 1, which restricted restaurants, bars, gyms and commercial event venues within the City of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, the Governor of the State of Tennessee issued Executive Order No. 17 to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by limiting social gatherings, dine-in service, and gym use, and exposure at nursing and retirement homes and providing flexibility for restaurants regarding the sale of alcohol; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Knox County Health Department adopted a "Safer at Home Order" to protect the public health of the citizens of Knox County, with the goal of saving lives and reducing strain on regional healthcare resources; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, I issued Emergency Executive Order No. 2, which extended the City's declaration of civil emergency another seven (7) days until March 30, 2020, on March 30, 2020, I issued Emergency Executive Order No. 3, which extended the City's declaration another seven (7) days until April 6, 2020, on March 31, 2020, I issued Emergency Executive Order No. 4, which adopted and incorporated by reference the restrictions set forth in the Knox County Safer at Home Order, on April 6, 2020, I issued Emergency Executive Order No. 5, which extended the City's declaration and restrictions set forth in the Safer at Home Order another seven (7) days until April 13, 2020, and on April 13, 2020, I issued Emergency Executive Order No. 6, which extended the City's declaration and restrictions set forth in the Safer at Home Order another seven (7) days until April 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, the Governor of the State of Tennessee issued Executive Order No. 22, urging citizens statewide to stay at home as much as possible, unless engaging in Essential Activity or Essential Services to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, the Governor of the State of Tennessee issued Executive Order No. 23, in order to clarify and strengthen Executive Order No. 22, requiring all persons in Tennessee to stay at home, except for when engaging in Essential Activity or Essential Services to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Tennessee issued Executive Order No. 27, extending the restrictions set forth in Executive Orders No. 17, 22 and 23, requiring all persons in Tennessee to stay at home, except for when engaging in Essential Activity or Essential Services to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to extend through April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as of April 20, 2020, there were at least 7070 COVID-19 cases in Tennessee, with 193 cases in Knox County and evidence of continued community transmission; and

WHEREAS, public health experts anticipate the further spread of COVID-19 throughout the State of Tennessee and the nation, with potentially catastrophic impact on the state's and the nation's health care system; and

WHEREAS, public health experts have determined that the best way to slow down the spread of COVID-19 is for people to stay home and keep their distance from others, which is why I have limited gatherings, restricted access to places of public accommodation, and ordered nonessential business within our community to remain closed; and

WHEREAS, it appears that these restrictions are having a positive impact on the spread of COVID-19, however, the federal government is advising people to stay at home to the extent possible until at least April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the transmission of COVID-19 remains a continuing severe danger to public health; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Emergency Executive Order No. 7 is to extend the declaration of emergency and restrictions set forth in the City of Knoxville's Safer at Home Order adopted on March 31, 2020 for another seven (7) days until April 27, 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, INDYA KINCANNON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, pursuant to the authority invested in the Mayor under Tennessee Code Annotated §§ 38-9-101 *et seq.* and 58-2-110, the Charter of the City of Knoxville Section 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 and April 13, 2020, do hereby direct and order the following:

1. **Extension.** The Proclamation of Emergency declared on March 16, 2020 and Emergency Executive Order No. 4 adopting and incorporating by reference the restrictions set forth in the Knox Couty Safer at Home Order as the City's independent and separate Safer at Home Order, signed on March 31, 2020, shall be extended for a period of seven (7) days, until April 27, 2020 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 and restrictions set forth in the City of Knoxville's Safer at Home Order, which will ensure that the maximum number of people self-isolate in their places of residence to the greatest extent feasible, while enabling essential services to continue, to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the greatest extent feasible. 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

Date: April 20, 2020