WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the coronavirus COVID-19 disease to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency; due to the COVID-19 Virus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma declared an emergency caused by the impending threat of COVID-19 to the people of this State and the public’s peace, health and safety; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, as Mayor of the City of Tulsa, I issued Executive Order 2020-01 proclaiming the existence of a civil emergency in the City of Tulsa and placing restrictions on certain events and the maximum numbers of persons that could attend such events; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing evaluation of circumstances related to the COVID-19 Virus together with the March 16, 2020, recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) advising all American cities and counties with minimal or moderate virus spread to cancel and limit all gatherings and events of greater than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, it is my duty as Mayor to protect the health and safety of the City and its inhabitants, to preserve the peace, and to provide civil defense and emergency functions; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers and facilities to handle and care for the influx of new patients in order to safeguard public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, Title 37 Tulsa Revised Ordinances (TRO) Chapter 14 regulates the issuance of special event permits; Section 1409 of that Chapter allows revocation of a special event permit for a perceived threat to public health, safety or welfare.

Therefore, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City or Tulsa, pursuant to Title 8, Tulsa Revised Ordinances, Section 200, I hereby proclaim the continued existence of a civil emergency in the City of Tulsa and further, it is hereby declared and ORDERED, as follows:

1. Executive Order No. 2020-01, dated March 16, 2020, proclaiming the existence of a civil emergency in the City of Tulsa is hereby amended and revised to reflect and adopt updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, as encompassed hereinafter.
2. All events or gatherings of more than ten (10) people in the City of Tulsa are hereby banned, until at least April 15, 2020, when the pandemic emergency conditions will be reassessed; and

3. All special event permits, issued under the authority of Title 37 TRO Sections 1400 through 1415, with projected attendance of more than ten (10), are hereby revoked, and as of this date, no further such special event permits shall be issued and no such special events may be held in the City of Tulsa until at least April 15, 2020, when the pandemic emergency conditions will be reassessed; and

4. Executive Order 2020-02, issued March 17, 2020, ordering closing of certain business and commercial establishments either in-full, or with special conditions for limited operation, and other public accommodations shall remain in full force and effect; and

5. Any person violating this Executive Order 2020-03, or violating or causing a business, commercial establishment, or other place of public accommodation subject to Executive Order 2020-02 to violate such executive order, shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Title 8, Tulsa Revised Ordinances, Chapter 3, Section 300, which states, in full, as follows:

   Any person violating the provisions of this title or of an Executive Order issued pursuant to it shall be guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the City jail for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days and/or by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars ($100.00), excluding costs.

This Executive Order shall take effect this 24th day of March, 2020.

Dated this 24th day of March, 2020.

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G.T. Bynum, Mayor

ATTEST:                                    APPROVED:

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City Clerk                             City Attorney