

**EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 15:
AN EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR OF
THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF
OPERATING OFFICER TO SERVE AS THE CITY'S CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN THE ABSENCE OF THE
MAYOR FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME.**

WHEREAS, Indya Kincannon, Mayor of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, on March 16, 2020, issued an official declaration of civil emergency pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated §§38-9-101 et seq. and 58-2-110, together with Knoxville City Code §9-1 due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, by multiple extensions of the initial declaration of civil emergency, such declaration remains in full force and effect, thereby authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer to take such action and issue such orders as may be necessary to prevent, mitigate or otherwise address the circumstances creating the civil emergency; and,

WHEREAS, recent events across the nation have resulted in additional civil unrest, culminating in riots, massive demonstrations, looting, significant damage to both private and public property, violent and unlawful behavior, and other similar acts of civil disobedience which may require the issuance of additional executive orders and/or requests for state and federal assistance to address threats to public health, safety and welfare and to protect the lives and property of the citizens and residents of the City of Knoxville; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Knoxville is scheduled to be away from the City on some occasions between June 10, 2020, and June 13, 2020, with potential temporary lack of access to methods of communication or ability to affix her signature to Executive Orders as authorized by State law and the City Charter and Code of Ordinances; and ,

WHEREAS, the Mayor desires to ensure at all times the health, safety and welfare of all persons within the City of Knoxville and to protect them from dangers which may arise out of the COVID-19 pandemic, civil unrest, or other cause presenting an emergency threatening the lives, health or safety of the people and the property of the City of Knoxville; and,

WHEREAS, Article I of Chapter 13 of the Knoxville City Code, entitled "Civil Emergencies," specifically provides that the Chief Administrative Officer of the City of Knoxville is empowered to take certain actions to address any civil emergency and said Article further expressly provides that in the absence or incapacity of the Mayor the Chief Operating Officer of the City may be designated as the "Chief Administrative Officer;" and,

WHEREAS, David Brace is the City of Knoxville's Chief Operating Officer.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, INDYA KINCANNON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF KNOXIVLLE, pursuant to the authority invested in the Mayor under to State law and the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Knoxville, for the period extending from June 10, 2020, until June

13, 2020, do hereby designate David Brace, Deputy to the Mayor and Chief Operating Officer, as the Chief Administrative Officer of the City of Knoxville and expressly authorize him to act in my behalf to:

1. Act as my proxy in requesting any necessary aid or relief relating to a civil emergency from any state or federal agency.

2. To issue any necessary Executive Orders on my behalf to promote, maintain and protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and residents of the City of Knoxville, as provided in Tennessee Code Annotated §§58-2-110 and in Article I of Chapter 9 of the Code of the City of Knoxville.

ORDERED, EFFECTIVE AND ISSUED:



INDYA KINCANNON
Mayor, City of Knoxville, Tennessee
Date: June 5th 2020.