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**EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 5**  
**BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE** CITY COUNCIL OFFICE

**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, and 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; 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**, as of April 5, 2020, there were at least 3633 COVID-19 cases in Tennessee, with one hundred ten (110) 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**, the transmission of COVID-19 remains a continuing severe danger to public health; and

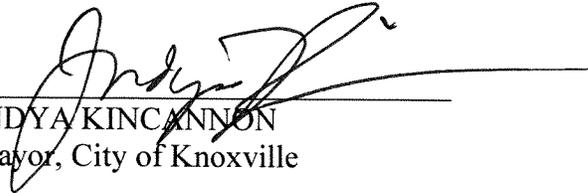
**WHEREAS**, the purpose of Emergency Executive Order No. 4 was and is to adopt the Knox County Health Department's Safer at Home Order by reference, showing the City's support for the Health Department's enforcement efforts, and requiring compliance within the City of Knoxville with the requirements set forth in the Safer at Home Order; 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 and Knoxville Code §§ 9-1, 9-5, and 9-6, the pursuant to the aforesaid powers and the Proclamation of Emergency declared on March 16, 2020 and extended on March 23, 2020, March 30, 2020, and March 31, 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, signed on March 31, 2020, shall be extended for a period of seven (7) days, until April 13, 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 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 while complying with the requirements set forth in Executive Orders No. 22 and No. 23 issued by the Governor of the State of Tennessee on March 30, 2020 and April 2, 2020, respectively, and the Order declared by the Knox County Health Department on March 23, 2020. 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 6, 2020