DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY
IN THE BOROUGH OF NEW HOLLAND, PENNSYLVANIA

A State of Emergency is hereby declared in the Borough of New Holland, Pennsylvania beginning, Wednesday, March 18, 2020. This State of Emergency will continue until the COVID-19 Virus is no longer a threat to the health and safety of New Holland Borough employees and residents.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov) COVID-19 or Coronavirus is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. This virus has been determined to be highly infectious. This Declaration provides an outline for development of contingency plans, organization of resources and establishment of protocols that can be used to respond to and help mitigate the effects of this pandemic. The threat of the COVID-19 Virus changes rapidly and it may be necessary to make changes to the emergency requirements daily.

It is the goal of New Holland Borough to continue essential operations while ensuring the safety of our residents and employees. Employees and residents are urged to practice good health habits such as hand washing and/or use of hand sanitizers frequently, social distancing such as avoiding large gatherings, meetings or trainings and to refrain from physical contact. If the threat to New Holland Borough employees and residents continues to increase it may be necessary to close the Borough lobby to public access, cancel all public meetings or limit attendance and interactions with outside vendors or delivery persons.

In the interim, New Holland Borough employees will be directed to limit contact and communicate through a glass window, with the public. Residents requiring information from the New Holland Borough Police or Administrative Staff are asked, if possible, to correspond by way of e-mail or telephone. Information on any changes to the COVID-19 requirements may be obtained on the New Holland Borough website. In addition, the Borough may act as necessary to meet this challenge by the employment of emergency equipment, supplies, materials and personnel as deemed necessary to meet this challenge.

Hereby Declared this 18th day of March, 2020.

M. Timothy Bender, Mayor