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**ADDENDUM TO 8th DECLARATION OF
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY REGARDING COVID-19**

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020 the 8th Declaration of Local Disaster and Public Health Emergency was issued by Mayor Ron Nirenberg; and

WHEREAS, that Declaration essentially adopts and acknowledges Governor Greg Abbott's Executive Orders and the protocols established by the Strike Force to Open Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council indefinitely extended the 8th Declaration on June 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, recently, the Progress Indicators identified by the COVID-19 Community Response Coalition demonstrate a notable rise in the number of daily cases, an increased need for case investigators and contact tracers, a significant increase over the past weeks in the number of patients hospitalized, in ICU, or on ventilators due to COVID-19 related complications where that number has doubled in one week, the Total Case Double Time has dropped from 29 days to 20 day, which is very close to the warning threshold of 18 days, the COVID-19 weekly positivity rate (i.e., the percentage of lab tests that are positive for COVID-19) has doubled since last week, and the STRAC Health System Score is now operating at medium stress level; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the County Judge has the authority to issue Executive Orders that apply to the entirety of Bexar County, including the City of San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, County Judge Nelson Wolff issued Executive Order NW-10 on June 17, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE:

1. Through this Addendum the City of San Antonio acknowledges and adopts Bexar County Executive Order NW-10, and its applicability, consistent with State law, to the City of San Antonio, and consequently Executive Order NW-10 supplements San Antonio's 8th Declaration of Public Health Emergency Regarding COVID-19.
2. **Health and Safety Policy – Commercial Entities**. From the date of Bexar County Executive Order NW-10, all commercial entities in Bexar County providing goods or services directly to the public must develop and implement a health and safety policy ("***Health and Safety Policy***"). The Health and Safety Policy must require, at a minimum, that all employees or visitors to the commercial entity's business premises or other facilities wear face coverings when in an area or performing an activity which will necessarily involve close contact or proximity to co-workers or the public where six feet of separation is not feasible. The Health and Safety Policy required to be developed and implemented by this Executive Order may also include the implementation of other mitigating measures designed to control and reduce the transmission of COVID-19 such as temperature checks or health screenings. Commercial entities must post the Health and Safety Policy required by this Executive Order in a conspicuous location sufficient to provide notice to employees and visitors of all health and

safety requirements. Failure to develop and implement the Health and Safety Policy required by this Executive Order within five (5) calendar days following the Effective Date may result in a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation.

Additionally, San Antonio businesses are strongly encouraged to take the “Greater, SAfer, Together” pledge which commits businesses to do the following:

- a. Use face coverings
- b. Practice physical distancing
- c. Conduct temperature checks
- d. Provide Hand sanitizer
- e. Follow CDC protocols
- f. Implement contactless payment when possible
- g. General COVID-19 awareness training for employees.

Businesses that take the “Greater, SAfer, Together” pledge may post their commitment to facilitate compliance with the County’s policy posting requirement.

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3. **Face Coverings – General Public.** That all people 10 years or older shall wear a cloth face covering over their nose and mouth when in a public place where it is difficult to keep six feet away from other people such as visiting a grocery store/pharmacy or working in areas that involve close proximity with other coworkers. The CDC advises face coverings for people 2 years or older. Coverings may include homemade masks, scarfs, bandanas, or a handkerchief. Bexar County residents should continue to maintain social distancing of at least six feet while outside their home. Bexar County and City of San Antonio employees are also required to wear face coverings under the same circumstances as the general public.

IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU NOT OBTAIN OR WEAR MEDICAL MASKS or N-95 RESPIRATORS AS THEY ARE A NEEDED RESOURCE FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS. Our healthcare workers and first responders on the front-line combating COVID-19 must have priority access to medical masks or other personal protective equipment. Face coverings do not need to be worn in the following circumstances:

- When exercising outside or engaging in physical activity outside
- While driving alone or with passengers who are part of the same household as the driver
- When doing so poses a greater mental or physical health, safety, or security risk
- While pumping gas or operating outdoor equipment
- While in a building or activity that requires security surveillance or screening, for example, banks
- When consuming food or drink

Please note that face coverings are a secondary strategy to other mitigation efforts. **Face coverings are *not* a replacement for social distancing, frequent handwashing, and self-isolation when sick.** All people should follow CDC recommendations for how to wear and take off a mask. Residents should keep up the following habits while in public:

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- washing hands before you leave home and when you return,
- staying at least six feet away from others,
- avoiding touching nose or face,
- not using disposable masks more than three times, and
- washing reusable cloth masks regularly to prevent the spread of the virus.

Consistent with Executive Order GA-26 issued by Governor Greg Abbott, no civil or criminal penalty will be imposed on individuals for failure to wear a face covering.

Please visit the City of San Antonio COVID-19 website for additional information and helpful hints on the most effective way to use face coverings.



MAYOR RON NIRENBERG
City of San Antonio, Texas

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