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STATEMENT, (DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY) submitted by Mayor John Cranley, The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic presents emergency conditions and dangers to the public health and welfare without precedent in the past 100 years. After declaring a state of emergency and instituting severe measures to "flatten the curve," the State of Ohio has begun to reopen Ohio's economy, sector by sector, concluding that initial steps toward reopening can be safely taken in accordance with good hygiene and social distancing measures. Consistent with the State's reopening efforts and at the request of the City Manager, I hereby amend, revise and tailor the existing COVID-19 declaration of emergency to this new phase of the response to the pandemic, pursuant to Article III of the Cincinnati Charter and Article XVIII of the Administrative Code of the City of Cincinnati. The emergency condition and danger that forms the basis for this amended and revised declaration is the ongoing public health emergency caused by the pandemic and the need to enable the safe reopening of the City including, but not limited to, reopening of retail businesses, restaurants and workplaces in the City. By this revised declaration, the Mayor retains emergency authority to issue orders under the limited circumstances necessary for the safe reopening of Cincinnati. This declaration is consistent with the statewide health emergency declared by Governor DeWine, the issuance of Ohio Department of Health's compulsory health orders and related guidelines and the fundamental need to protect vulnerable populations during this pandemic. This Order supersedes the March 11, 2020, emergency declaration as to any conflicts and hereby amends any such conflicts consistent with the provisions of this declaration. All emergency orders issued under the March 11, 2020, declaration are hereby terminated except for the Outdoor Street Dining and Social Distancing order dated May 12, 2020, a copy of which is attached to this declaration, which is extended. If extended, emergency orders shall continue in effect in accordance with the terms of Article XVIII of the Administrative Code. This amended and revised declaration shall be issued to the news media for the widest possible dissemination to the citizens of Cincinnati. This declaration shall be effective June 29, 2020.

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