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STATEMENT, (MAY 17, 2021 LIMITED DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY AND EMERGENCY ORDER)

submitted by Mayor John Cranley, City Manager Paula Boggs Muething, and Commissioner Melba Moore, Today, the undersigned executed a Rescission of Prior Declaration of Emergency (the "Rescission") ending the prior emergency declarations and emergency orders that had been issues by the Mayor's Office, the Health Commissioner, and City Manager in response to the COVID-19 pandemic under Article III of the Cincinnati Charter and Article XVIII of the Administrative Code of the City of Cincinnati in March 2020. The Rescission brought about the end of the local mask mandate established by City Council by Council Ordinance No. 246-2020. State of Ohio and Ohio Department of Health requirements - including a mask mandate for unvaccinated individuals - and federal guidelines remain in place and applicable to individuals and businesses in Cincinnati. The COVID-19 pandemic is receding with the advent of warmer weather and rising rates of vaccination against COVID-19. A sizeable portion of the public has not yet been vaccinated, however, and the pandemic continues to impact Cincinnatians as well as the businesses and employers across the region There remains a need to have maximum flexibility at the local government level to address public health issues, including increased vaccination rates, and to help businesses and communities dealing with economic and other harmful impacts of the pandemic. Based upon the continued declaration of a statewide emergency in Ohio by Governor DeWine and to address local health and economic priorities, the Mayor, in consultation with the City Manager and the Health Commissioner, declares a public danger and emergency under Article III of the Cincinnati Charter and Article XVIII of the Administrative Code for the limited purpose of addressing public health concerns and related City operational needs to have arisen as a results of the COVID-19 pandemic. This declaration and related emergency orders shall continue in effect until the sooner of (a) the end of Governor DeWine's declaration of statewide emergency (b) termination of this Declaration in accordance with the terms of Article XVIII of the Administrative Code. DECLARED this 18th day of May, 2021.

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