EXECUTIVE ORDER -2021-2 March 12, 2021 EXTENSION OF THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF WILMINGTON

WHEREAS, I declared a State of Emergency for the City of Wilmington on Friday, March 13, 2020 in connection with the novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") pandemic; and

WHEREAS, I extended the State of Emergency for the City of Wilmington on May 13, 2020, July 13, 2020, September 11, 2020, November 11, 2020, and January 11, 2021 in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control ("CDC") continues to designate COVID-19 as a serious public health threat; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware Department of Health & Social Services' Division of Public Health ("DPH") has determined that it is vital for the State of Delaware to take action in response to the community transmission of COVID-19 and to take steps to avoid the transmission of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Delaware, John C. Carney, imposed a State of Emergency for the State of Delaware on Friday, March 13, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. E.S.T., which has been subsequently extended due to the ongoing serious public health threat that COVID-19 poses to Delawareans throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wilm. C. § 7-41, a State of Emergency declared by the Mayor must be extended every sixty-one (61) days; and

WHEREAS, I find that a State of Emergency continues to exist based on the continued existence of the COVID-19 public health threat and requires the State of Emergency remain in effect:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL S. PURZYCKI, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON DO HEREBY DIRECT AND ORDER, pursuant to the emergency provisions of Chapter 7 of the Wilmington City Code, that the March 13, 2020 State of Emergency due to COVID-19 is again extended, effective immediately.

Signed this 12th date of March, 2021.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk