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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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**EMERGENCY RECOMMENDATION REGARDING
GATHERINGS OF MORE THAN TEN INDIVIDUALS
IN THE TOWN OF MADISON**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut declared a public health emergency and a civil preparedness emergency for the State of Connecticut, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 19a-131 and 28-9, in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19 disease associated with a novel coronavirus that is currently affecting multiple countries and states; and,

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020 the Governor of the State of Connecticut issued Executive Order Number 7, limiting the number of individuals that may convene, meet or otherwise gather throughout the State, to no more than 250 people or more for social and recreational activities including, but not limited to, community, civic, leisure, or sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; movie screenings; plays or performances; conventions; and similar activities; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency to combat the coronavirus that is currently infecting the population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Madison, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8a(a), 28-1(8), and 28-22, and Section 10.1.3 and 4.1.4 of the Town Charter, declared a local civil preparedness emergency, due to the significant danger to public health posed by: the global spread of COVID-19, shortages of supplies and equipment necessary to protect the public health and safety, and the spread of COVID-19 to residents of the Town of Madison as a result of the global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 the Governor of the State of Connecticut amended and modified his Executive Order Number 7 with Executive Order Number 7D, to require that all such gatherings as contemplated and addressed by Executive Order Number 7 be limited to no more than 50 or more people; and, included "religious, spiritual or worship gatherings"; and

WHEREAS, due to the significant adverse impact on public health of COVID-19, and the acceleration of the spread of the disease, the First Selectwoman, in consultation with Town officials, has decided to take further action for the purpose of ensuring civil preparedness and mitigating the adverse effects of social and recreational gathering within the Town of Madison; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to decompress certain gatherings so as to promote, encourage, allow for and/or create social distancing to combat the transmission of Coronavirus which poses a substantial threat to the public health of the Town of Madison; and,

WHEREAS, the powers granted by Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8a(a), 28-1(8), and Section 10.1.3 and 4.1.4 of the Town of Madison Charter, proclaim said First Selectwoman to have and exercise all executive and administrative powers conferred upon any municipal chief executive;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND RECOMMENDED that, consistent with the guidelines of the Federal Government and pursuant to the powers and duties granted in the Connecticut General Statutes and the Charter of the Town of Madison, in response to the civil preparedness and public health emergency now facing the Town of Madison, and in accordance with advice from Town officials, effective on Friday, March 20, 2020, gatherings of more than 10 people for social and recreational activities, including but not limited to: community, civic, leisure, and sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; movie screenings; plays or performances; conventions; and similar activities, are strongly discouraged for the general safety and health of all residents.;

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND RECOMMENDED that this Emergency Recommendation will be made publicly available for inspection and review in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Madison and shall be posted on the Town of Madison website.

Dated: March 20, 2020



Peggy R. Lyons

First Selectwoman