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, on March 20, 2020 the Governor of the State of Connecticut amended and modified his Executive Order Number 7 with Executive Order Number 7H, to urge residents to “stay safe, stay home” and provide guidance to essential businesses to reduce their workforce; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut amended and modified his Executive Orders Numbers 7 and 7D with Executive Order 7N, to require that all such gatherings as contemplated and addressed by Executive Order Number 7 be limited to no more than five people; and
WHEREAS, with warmer weather approaching, concerns have arisen regarding the ability to enforce social distancing requirements and gatherings limited to not more than five people at the Town of Madison’s beaches; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has taken actions as a result of the public health emergency to reduce visitor capacity at state parks and recreation facilities, including Hammonassett State Park, which falls within the borders of the Town; 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, 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 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, in accordance with advice from Town officials, the Town of Madison hereby declares:

1. For the months of May, June and July of 2020, parking at all Town beaches shall be limited to capacity levels that maintain a safe, reduced volume of visitors to the beaches and allows for the practicing of any applicable social distancing directives. Capacity levels will be established by the Director of Beach and Recreation in consultation with the Director of Emergency Operations and the First Selectwoman; and adjust to accommodate for any emergency actions that might be taken by DEEP to the parking capacity at Hammonasset State Park; and

2. For the months of May, June and July of 2020, access to all parking lots at Madison’s beaches on Saturday, Sunday and holidays shall be limited to Town residents only, who (i) purchase and display a valid season parking pass, or (ii) for a limited time only, demonstrate proof of residency. Policies regarding proof of residency will be established by the Director of Beach and Recreation in consultation with the Director of Emergency Operations and the First Selectwoman, and will only apply until season pass purchases are more readily available to residents; and

3. The Chief of Police shall have the authority to bar from the Madison public beaches and parks, anyone who does not comply with the prohibition against more than five people congregating, or the requirement to maintain recommended social distancing

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this Executive Order will be in effect until such time as the public health and civil preparedness emergencies declared by the Governor have been rescinded or the First Selectwoman determines it is no longer necessary to protect the public health. A full copy of this
Executive Order 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: May 8, 2020

Peggy R. Lyons
First Selectwoman