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**EXECUTIVE ORDER**  
**Supplemental Emergency Declaration and**  
**Further Covid-19 Preparation and Prevention Measures**  
**2020-0006**

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Gina Raimondo declared a State of Emergency in Rhode Island and activated emergency planning; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a National Emergency; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of this Administration to protect the health, safety and welfare of city residents and all of our employees while at the same time maintaining a basic level of city services; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 continues to escalate at alarming levels in the City of Central Falls with at least 169 positive cases confirmed by the Rhode Island Department of Health as of April 19, 2020, thereby threatening the ability of the city and the state to respond; and

WHEREAS, aggressive and sustained efforts are necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to lessen the strain on our healthcare system; and

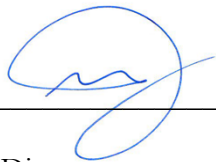
WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has stated that COVID-19 symptoms may appear as many as fourteen (14) days after exposure, that a significant number of people infected do not show symptoms and COVID-19 is contagious and persons who are asymptomatic can spread the virus; and

WHEREAS, the CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings “**especially** in areas of significant community-based transmission” such as Central Falls; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic is on a path to infect thousands of our friends, families and neighbors in Central Falls, posing a clear and present danger to the health, safety and welfare to our people and we must take immediate, urgent and drastic action.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, James A. Diossa, Mayor of the City of Central Falls, pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 30-15-13, as well as Sections 4-100 and 102 of the Central Falls Home Rule Charter, declare and order the following, effective immediately:

1. Any and all Executive Orders of Governor Gina M. Raimondo during the State of Emergency regarding the required use and wearing of cloth face coverings are hereby incorporated into this Executive Order.
2. Everyone within the geographical boundaries of Central Falls are required to wear a cloth face covering when in all public spaces including, but not limited to, sidewalks, businesses, government buildings and health care facilities.
3. Exceptions for this requirement to wear a cloth face covering include young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance or anyone to whom wearing a cloth face covering would damage his or her health.
4. The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.
5. Cloth face coverings can be made from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost. Residents and workers are encouraged to learn more at <http://www.centralfallsri.us/7masks>.
6. Based on CDC guidelines, cloth face coverings should fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face, be secured with ties or ear loops, include multiple layers of fabric, allow for breathing without restriction and be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape.
7. Failure to comply with this Order shall be the following, subject to appeal to the Municipal Court:
  - First offense: \$50 fine
  - Second offense and every offense thereafter: \$75 fine
8. As a result of the failure of social distancing practices on our roadways by these licensees, the licenses for all hawkers, peddlers and mobile food establishments, including, but not limited to ice cream trucks, are hereby suspended and I request that the City Council hold an emergency meeting to declare the same.



James A. Diossa  
MAYOR

Dated: April 20, 2020