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**Office of the City Clerk  
Declaration of Emergency  
pursuant to Section 53 *Municipal Elections Act, 1996***

WHEREAS an emergency has been declared throughout Ontario pursuant to Order in Council 518/2020 (Ontario Regulation 50/20) on March 17, 2020 in accordance with Section 7.0.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, 1990*;

AND WHEREAS an emergency has also been declared throughout the City of Ottawa by the Mayor of the City of Ottawa on March 23, 2020 in accordance with the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*;

AND WHEREAS Section 12 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* provides that the City Clerk is responsible for the conduct of the municipal election and may provide for any matter or procedure that in the City Clerk's opinion is necessary or desirable for conduction the election;

AND WHEREAS the City Clerk may also declare an emergency in accordance with Section 53 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* if he is of the opinion that circumstances have arisen that are likely to prevent the election being conducted and upon declaring such emergency the City Clerk shall make such arrangements as he considers advisable for the conduct of the election, consistent with the principles of the Act;

AND WHEREAS given the emergency declarations which have occurred in relation to the outbreak of the COVID-19 coronavirus disease, the Clerk has determined that the circumstances give rise to a situation that would prevent the by-election in Ward 19 to be conducted in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*;

THEREFORE, as Clerk of the City of Ottawa, I hereby declare that an emergency exists in the City of Ottawa, under the authority of Section 53 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* and will make such arrangements as I consider necessary for the conduct of the Ward 19 municipal by-election.

DATED at the City of Ottawa as at the 15th day of July, 2020

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M. Rick O'Connor  
City Clerk