PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, by statute, the State of Tennessee ("State") has provided for the declaration of an emergency pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 38-9-101 et seq. and 58-2-110, and, by ordinance, the City of Knoxville ("City") has similarly provided for the declaration of an emergency pursuant to City Code § 9-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, pursuant to aforementioned laws and ordinances, I issued a Proclamation of Emergency in response to the coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic ("2020 Proclamation"); and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacted a tremendous toll on Knox County, with at least 650 residents dead, over 1,400 residents hospitalized, and over 51,000 residents infected; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of improved public health developments, the 2020 Proclamation was permitted to expire on or about June 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, according to United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data, both the State as a whole and Knox County are areas now experiencing substantial or high levels of COVID-19 transmission; and

WHEREAS, these worsening COVID-19 transmission trends and the resulting serious threat to the health of all Knoxvillians and City employees constitutes an emergency pursuant to the laws of the State and the ordinances of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE:

1. **Civil Emergency.** I proclaim an emergency in the City and invoke the authority granted by State law, the City Charter, and City ordinances, as necessary, for the duration of the emergency.

2. **Emergency Executive Order No. 66 Reinstated.** All provisions of Emergency Executive Order No. 66 dated May 18, 2021, are reinstated and shall remain in effect until modified, superseded, or rescinded.

3. **Effectiveness.** This Proclamation shall take effect immediately.

[Signature]
Indya Kincannon
Mayor

Date: 8-2-21

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