

**March 18, 2020**

**Public Statement**

The Bourne Board of Selectman took the following Executive actions at its meeting on March 17, 2020.

The Board of Selectman has issued the following Declaration of Emergency effective March 17, 2020:

WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States and the Commonwealth significantly affect the life and health of our people, as well as the economy, and is a disaster that impacts the health, security, and safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has issued a Declaration of Emergency on

March 10, 2020, and determined that the immediate public action is needed to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage to public health, safety, or general welfare of the people of commonwealth and/or property which may otherwise result from the above described emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has recommended that a State of Emergency be declared in local communities; and

WHEREAS, the people of the community of Bourne should be able to depend upon guidance from their Chief Municipal Officials;

NOW THEREFORE, We, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Bourne, Massachusetts, hereby declare that immediately, and effective as of Tuesday, March 17, 2020, a State of Emergency is declared to exist in Bourne.

This Declaration of Emergency shall remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to our judgment that the State of Emergency no longer exists.

In addition, the Board of Selectmen voted to delay the issuance and posting of the Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrants based on the current emergency situation until such time as the state of emergency no longer exists and Town Meeting can be conducted in a safe and orderly manner and with the full confidence of the registered voters of the Town of Bourne.