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Anna M. Valencia City Clerk
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Dear Ms. Valencia.

Please place on file in your Office the attached mayoral declaration of a local disaster, prepared by the Law Department and executed by the Mayor. Under Section 11 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/11, this declaration must be filed with your Office. For your information, this declaration activates the City's emergency operations plan to facilitate coordination with, and obtain assistance from, other government agencies. Please feel free to call me with any questions.

Sincerely,

121 NORTH LASALLE STREET,

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT MAYOR

PROCLAMATION OF A DISASTER IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO

From January 10-12, 2020, the City of Chicago sustained significant flooding and major damage to its shoreline, infrastructure and recreational areas as a result of a severe weather event. During this time, a multi-faceted, large storm system pounded the City of Chicago, unleashing heavy rain, snow, ice, and localized flooding, followed by strong winds and widespread lakeshore flooding. North to northeast winds gusting in excess of 50 mph brought large, battering waves up to 23 feet high onto shoreline areas. The flooding from this storm resulted in full and partial road and trail closures near the lakefront and substantial damage to Chicago's beaches and recreational areas along the lakeshore.

Upon review of the significant amount of damage that resulted from this storm, I hereby declare, pursuant to Section 11 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, (20 ILCS 3305/11), that a disaster, as defined in the Act, exists in the city of Chicago.

This proclamation activates the City of Chicago's emergency operations plan and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance necessary to carry out that plan. The Executive Director of the Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC) will serve as emergency coordinator of the plan and is authorized to carry out such functions as may be necessary to manage and coordinate the City's response pursuant to Chapter 2-29 of the Municipal Code of Chicago.

This proclamation is effective on February 5, 2020 and shall continue for a period not to exceed seven days, unless extended by the City Council of the City of Chicago.