



WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut declared a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency for the State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency to combat the coronavirus that is currently infecting the population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020 the First Selectman of the Town of Kent declared a civil preparedness emergency as a result of the clear and present risk to the public health posed by the rapid proliferation of COVID-19; and

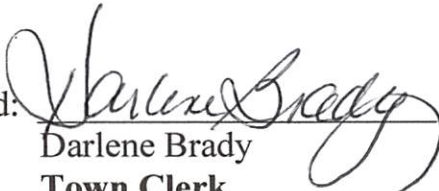
WHEREAS, in response to the issuance of these declarations and the closing of schools, senior centers, libraries and other places of social interaction, the population is maintaining a reasonable social distance from one another and is generally confining itself to its homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that during the existence of said emergency all citizens of Kent shall, between the hour of 8:00 pm and 8:02 pm, joyously sound a bell, chime, cymbal, carillon, gong, ringer, tocsin, or similar device as a symbol of the community of our citizens and a reminder to all that although the community may be physically separated our citizens remain united in their support for one another and dedicated to overcoming the present peril; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCALIMED AND ORDERED, that all houses of worship, if so equipped, shall sound their bells at the same time and that any local regulation, law or ordinance relating to unreasonable noise or disturbance shall be null and void and be deemed to have been waived and therefore unenforceable between the hours of 8:00 pm and 8:02 pm for as long as said emergency exists; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this order shall be filed in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Kent but, in order to protect the public health, not be made available for review and inspection there while said emergency exists and it shall be posted on the Town website.

Dated 20 March, 2020

Attested: 
Darlene Brady
Town Clerk


Jean C. Speck
First Selectman

