



**Office of the Mayor
City of Columbus**

EXECUTIVE ORDER

2020-05

By: ANDREW J. GINTHER, MAYOR

State of Emergency: Order Declaring Emergency Abated and Curfew in the City of Columbus, Ohio Rescinded

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020, in Minneapolis, MN, the death of an African-American man by the name of George Floyd at the hands of a Derek Chauvin, a Caucasian law enforcement officer, resulted in large-scale protests throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, beginning on May 28, 2020, and continuing to the present day, protestors have gathered at various locations about the City of Columbus to engage in a peaceful demonstrations in memory of George Floyd and against the use of excessive force by law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, in the late hours of May 28, 2020, and into the early morning hours of May 29, 2020, and for a number of successive days, the peaceful demonstrations in the City erupted into acts of violence and vandalism and confrontation with law enforcement officers, resulting in tens of thousands of dollars of damage to property including the Statehouse, the Ohio Theater, and innumerable businesses in the Downtown corridor, the Short North area, the area surrounding the Ohio State University, and other locations throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2020, in response to the threat of violence and property damage, occasioned by the propensity of otherwise peaceful demonstrations to evolve into riots during the later hours of the evening, and the credible evidence that a body of people had gathered once again, and that some of their number had gathered with the intent to do violence to persons or property, so as to substantially impair the functioning of government and its ability to protect the lives and property of the people, and their right to peacefully protest, I declared a State of Emergency and issued a Curfew order to the City of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, over the course of the succeeding days, with the curfew order in place, fewer instances of violence were observed to have occurred, resulting in no arrests pertaining to offenses of violence associated with the scenes of the protests to have been made on the night of Friday, June 5, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andrew Ginther, Mayor of the City of Columbus, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Ohio Constitution, the Charter of the City of Columbus, and Sections 123.01 and 123.02 of the Columbus City Code, do hereby declare that the State of Emergency proclaimed on May 30, 2020 pertaining to the civil unrest accompanying the peaceful protests is over and, as a result, I order and direct that the curfew imposed thereby be rescinded, effective immediately.

This order shall be in full force and effect after my signature is affixed to this document.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Mayor of the City of Columbus, Ohio, to be hereto affixed this 6th day of June, 2020.


Andrew J. Ginther, Mayor