

COLCHESTER, CONNECTICUT Mary Bylone First Selectman

EXECUTIVE ORDER #4

PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND RESPONSE -Crowd Reduction and Social Distancing Related to Tag, Garage, and Yard Sales

WHEREAS, on March 16, 202, I declared a Local Civil Preparedness Emergency under Section 28-8a(a), 28-1(8), and 28-22, due to the global pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); the projected shortage of supplies needed to address and prevent the disease; the national, state and local public health officials' recommendation to limit meeting in large groups and practice social distancing

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death: and

WHEREAS, to reduce spread of COVID-19, the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Connecticut Department of Public Health recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus and to slow down the transmission of the virus, including cancellation of large gatherings and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Connecticut in his Executive Order 7A speaks to the need for social distancing; Executive Order 7N(1) prohibits social and recreational gatherings to no more than 5 people

WHEREAS, the nature of Tag, Garage and Yard Sales, creates opportunities for people to mingle, touch multiple items and exchange cash;

WHEREAS, Tag, Garage and Yard Sales are deemed to be non-essential;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Bylone, First Selectman of the Town of Colchester, under the authority in Section 28a(a), do hereby DECLARE AND ORDER THAT, effective at 8 PM EST today, Friday, March 27, 2020:

All Tag, Garage and Yard Sales are prohibited.

These actions will remain in effect until further notice.

TOWN OF COLCHESTER

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Date: 3-14-2020

Local Time: 9:35 am

BY:

Mary Bylone First Selectman