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EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Emergency Action Relating to the Financial Operations of the City

The City of Troy faces an unusual dilemma with the departure of former Comptroller Andrew Piotrowski. Andrew served as the chief financial officer for the City in the prior Administration and personally performed myriad financial functions. The City does not currently employ anyone who is fully qualified to undertake the essential financial tasks that are required to be performed in the Office of the City Comptroller. There are many sensitive and time critical operations that must be accomplished in order for the City to fulfill its budgetary obligations. My Administration is diligently searching for a replacement for Mr. Piotrowski, but in the interim, we cannot risk a breakdown in our day-to-day operations or in our required annual reporting and regulatory compliance, especially in light of the City's greatly improved recent credit rating upgrade, which I am determined to preserve.

As Mayor, I must take action to preserve the health of the City's finances, which are critical to the maintenance of City operations. Pursuant to § C-40 of the City Charter, I hereby declare a public emergency to mobilize all available City resources as shall be required to address the complete and proper functioning of the Office of the Comptroller. This shall include but not be limited to the hiring of ProNexus, a financial consulting firm that provides accounting and financial management services, on a temporary and immediate basis to furnish services and temporary staff that will focus on keeping our financial affairs in compliance with state and federal law. These services are required in order to timely close out the City's end of year financials, to update the City's accounting records in preparation for the annual audit, and to provide general oversight and responsibility for City financial activity, including the verification of recorded financial information and the preparation of interim and annual financial reports. ProNexus shall be retained until such time as a new and capable City Comptroller can take over.

The City Administration reserves the right to take additional appropriate actions necessary to address the financial issues that may arise in these circumstances.

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