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**MAYOR'S ADVISORY ON MITIGATING THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS IN SENIOR LIVING FACILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts COVID-19 Response Command Center is working to detect, prevent and manage the outbreaks of COVID-19 throughout the state and is intensely focused on mitigating the spread of illness in senior living facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, statewide, there are 383 nursing homes, 255 assisted living residences, and 93 rest homes, including 6 which are located in the City of Woburn, housing thousands of residents and recognizing that these facilities are highly vulnerable to outbreaks of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth's Mobile Testing program, a partnership between the Department of Public Health, the National Guard, and the Broad Institute has improved access to testing for nursing homes, rest homes, and assisted living facilities to test more people; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 13, 2020, the Baker-Polito Administration updated testing guidance to encourage long-term care facilities to conduct widespread testing for residents, even if they have no symptoms, and staff, and in addition to the mobile testing program, facilities can conduct their own on-site testing using kits supplied by the Broad Institute.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I Scott D. Galvin, Mayor of the City of Woburn, advise all nursing homes and assisted living residences in the City immediately contact the Commonwealth's Mobile Testing program, at # 617-366-2350, for assistance in conducting on site testing for all of their residents and employees even if they are not symptomatic in an effort to contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 infection in those facilities, and that the Woburn Board of Health be contacted for any necessary assistance

SIGNED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2020

Scott D. Galvin, Mayor