WHEREAS, on August 5, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut declared a civil preparedness emergency for the State of Connecticut, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 19a-131 and 28-9, in response to Tropical Storm Isaias; and,

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Isaias caused significant damage to trees and powerlines throughout the state, resulting in numerous power outages in Madison; and

WHEREAS, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Governor of the State of Connecticut suspended Phase 3 of the State’s reopening plan and maintained that outdoor gatherings in public space should ensure that groups have 15 feet of social distance between them; and

WHEREAS, with continued hot weather and the establishment of quarantine requirements restricting travel for state residents, there is reason to believe it will not be possible enforce social distancing requirements at the Town of Madison’s beaches; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has taken actions as a result of the public health emergency to reduce visitor capacity at state parks and recreation facilities, including Hammonnasset State Park, which falls within the borders of the Town; and

WHEREAS, due to the significant adverse impact on public health of COVID-19, the acceleration of the spread of the disease, and the anticipation of many residents entering beaches in order to keep cool during the period of prolonged power outages, the First Selectwoman, in consultation with Town officials, has decided to take further action for the purpose of ensuring civil preparedness and mitigating the adverse effects of social and recreational gathering within the Town of Madison; and

WHEREAS, the powers granted by Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8(a)(a), 28-1(8), and Sections 10.1.3 and 4.1.4 of the Town of Madison Charter, authorize said First Selectwoman to have and exercise all executive and administrative powers necessary to mitigate the current civil preparedness and public health emergency;
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that, consistent with the guidelines of the Federal Government and pursuant to the powers and duties granted in the Connecticut General Statutes and the Charter of the Town of Madison, in response to the civil preparedness and public health emergency in the Town of Madison, and in accordance with advice from Town officials, that:

1. From August 7th to August 16th 2020, entrance to all town beach facilities in Madison will be restricted to residents of Madison only. This includes walk-ins and applies to anyone sixteen years of age or older. Guests who accompany residents will also be allowed. The Director of Beach & Recreation has discretion to determine what qualifies as proof of residency, and when exceptions may apply due to activities or events at a facility. Capacity restrictions established by Executive Order 6 will remain in effect at East Wharf, West Wharf, and the Surf Club.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this Executive Order will be in effect until such time as the order expires, or the public health and civil preparedness emergencies declared by the Governor have been rescinded. A full copy of this Executive Order will be made publicly available for inspection and review in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Madison and shall be posted on the Town of Madison website.

Dated: August 7, 2020

Peggy R. Lyons
First Selectwoman