

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER



CITY OF WARWICK

JOSEPH J. SOLOMON  
MAYOR

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-06**

*Supplemental order to Executive Order 2020-02  
Declaring City State of Emergency*

### **AN ORDER CLOSING ALL CITY PARKS, BEACHES, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

**WHEREAS:** The State of Rhode Island and the City of Warwick are dealing with unique and unprecedented conditions caused by the highly contagious and very dangerous COVID-19 virus, which has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization; and,

**WHEREAS:** Throughout the month of March, the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases has risen to nearly 500, and has resulted in the death and hospitalization of many Rhode Islanders; and,

**WHEREAS:** Federal, State, and City officials have been forced to take drastic measures, in the interest of public health and safety, to help contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and,

**WHEREAS:** On Friday, March 13, 2020, Mayor Joseph J. Solomon issued Executive Order 2020-02, declaring a State of Emergency and Municipal State of Emergency in the City of Warwick; and,

**WHEREAS:** On Saturday, March 28, 2020, the Governor's Office and the Rhode Island Department of Health issued a stay-at-home order until April 13, 2020, and banned the gathering of five or more people in an effort to contain further spread of the COVID-19 virus statewide; and,

**WHEREAS:** The City of Warwick has some of Rhode Island's most popular beaches, parks, and recreational facilities, which have remained open as a resource for residents as the State endures the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS:** Unfortunately, many individuals who visit State and City parks, beaches, and recreational facilities are not adhering to the statewide stay-at-home health mandates or social

distancing and congregating directives, putting all Rhode Islanders at further risk of the spread of COVID-19; and,

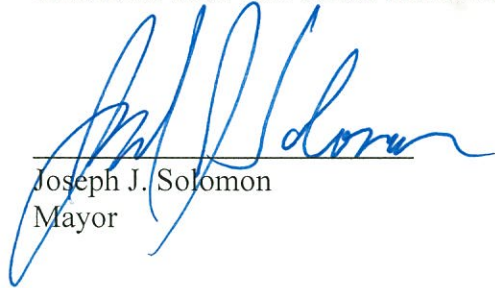
**WHEREAS:** Governor Raimondo has ordered the closure of all state parks and beaches, effective Friday, April 3, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS:** Reducing access to the City's parks and beaches will strengthen statewide efforts to safeguard public health by further limiting social interaction and containing the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and,

**WHEREAS:** It is incumbent on government officials to do all in their power during this pandemic to protect the health and safety of the general public.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JOSEPH J. SOLOMON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WARWICK, do hereby order the closure of all City parks, beaches, and recreational facilities to the public until further notice, and further order that adherence to "No Parking" notices posted in surrounding neighborhoods and facilities shall be strictly enforced.

This order shall take effect immediately upon signature.

  
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Joseph J. Solomon  
Mayor

4/1/2020  
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Date