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## **SPECIAL MOTION NO. 4 – COVID 19**

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Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Andrew Brown
- (ii) Councillor Amanda Lloyd-Harris

This Council remembers the residents of Hammersmith & Fulham who have lost lives during the Covid 19 pandemic and sends sincerest condolences to the family and friends of those individuals.

This Council recognises the suffering of those seriously affected by the disease, who have thankfully survived, however with long standing physical and emotional impacts in many cases.

This Council pays tribute to the dedicated, selfless and inspirational staff of our NHS locally in Hammersmith and Fulham, and who have treated patients from our borough, including at our local hospitals, Charing Cross, the Hammersmith, Chelsea & Westminster and St Mary's, and beyond, as well as those who work in our GP practices, other primary care settings, pharmacies, the ambulance service and all other healthcare settings.

This Council further pays tribute to the social care workers who support our residents in the borough, in their homes and in care homes, as well as all the voluntary and family carers who have supported patients suffering from Covid 19 as well as those who have worked so carefully to keep vulnerable people shielding at home safe from the virus.

This Council thanks all the other key workers who are residents of the borough and those who serve our borough, including teachers supporting children of key workers and all our pupils home schooling, police officers, fire brigade, supermarket and other food shop workers, delivery drivers, postal workers and many more who have kept our borough functioning during the lockdown period.

This Council wishes to add further thanks to all council officers and employees who have done such an important job under very difficult circumstances to help support the fight against Covid 19 as well as carrying out essential council services such as picking up our rubbish and many others.

This Council in particular wishes to thank the Chief Executive, Kim Smith and her senior team for the leadership that they have shown during this crisis.

This Council further wishes to thank all civil servants in national Government, across London and in our borough who have done so much during this difficult time, and recognises and thanks the Government and Administration for all their efforts during the Covid crises so far.

This Council recognises that at a time of extraordinary challenge for our country and our borough with decisions having to be made quickly with limited, imperfect or incomplete information, however, notes the best of intentions whilst making these difficult decisions.

This Council wishes to pay special tribute to the armed forces who have done so much in our country's hour of need to build the Nightingale Hospitals, run many of the Covid testing facilities and provide countless other services.

This Council wishes to thank all the residents of Hammersmith and Fulham for their stoic perseverance, good humour and community spirit during the Covid crisis to date and for observing the Government's and Council's advice, as well as thank them in advance for further efforts and sacrifices they may be called on to make.

The Council further wishes to thank all those helping to keep our county's economy going through this difficult time including all the entrepreneurs, employers and many individuals in our borough who work in financial services in our city and help to fund our public services and all those working from home under difficult circumstances, often having to combine their professional responsibilities with home schooling their children.

Finally this Council recognises that Covid 19 is far from defeated and there will be many more issues to overcome until it is brought under complete control, and wish to thank the many researchers in our borough and further afield who are carrying out their work under the most severe pressure to find treatments and vaccines, including at our very own world leading Imperial College London.