

STATE OF COLORADO)
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COUNTY OF GARFIELD)

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for Garfield County, Colorado, held at the County Administration Building in Glenwood Springs on Monday the 16th day of March, 2020, there were present:

Tom Jankovsky, Commissioner
Mike Samson, Commissioner
John Martin, Commissioner Chairman
Jan Shute, Assistant County Attorney
Kevin Batchelder, County Manager
Jean Alberico, Clerk to the Board

when the following proceedings, among others were had and done, to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - _____

RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Garfield County, State of Colorado is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Colorado for which the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a highly contagious virus that originated in China and has since spread to numerous countries around the world, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the virus may cause serious illness or death in certain cases, particularly when the elderly and persons with underlying health conditions contract it; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern, and on March 11, 2020, declared the outbreak a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared the virus a public health emergency, and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of Colorado declared a state of emergency for the State of Colorado due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Garfield County Public Health Agency issued a Standing Public Health Order that sets forth standards related to group gatherings designed to slow the spread of the virus through April 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, Garfield County Public Health confirmed a case of COVID-19 within the county and public health experts anticipate that, due to the contagiousness of the illness, Garfield County will continue to see cases of the virus and its transmission within the community; and

WHEREAS, Garfield County anticipates that without appropriately responding to the illness, numbers of cases within the county will rise, may result in serious illness or death for certain members of the community, and also may have the effect of interrupting the functioning of the community in terms of work attendance, school attendance, and the like; and

WHEREAS, the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovering from the impact of the ensuing event is far in excess of the county's available resources; and

WHEREAS, Colorado law provides for the declaration of a local disaster emergency to assist local governments in responding to and recovering from emergency events, including epidemics; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), authorizes the principal executive officer of a political subdivision to declare a local disaster emergency; and

WHEREAS, "[t]he effect of a declaration of local disaster emergency is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster and emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans." C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(2);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Garfield County, Colorado, as follows:

1. It is hereby determined and declared that the presence of the COVID-19 virus within Garfield County constitutes a local disaster emergency that warrants the mobilization of emergency response and the furnishing of aid and assistance.
2. This Declaration shall be promptly filed with the Garfield County Clerk and Recorder and with the Colorado Office of Emergency Management and given prompt and general publicity.
3. This Declaration shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days unless continued or renewed in excess of this time period by consent of the Board of County Commissioners for Garfield County, Colorado.
4. This Declaration is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County of Garfield, State of Colorado.

DATED this 16th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Clerk to the Board

By: _____
Chairperson

Upon motion duly made and seconded the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Tom Jankovsky Aye/No
Mike Samson Aye/No
John Martin Aye/No
Commissioners