



Environment (CDPHE) and all Executive Orders issued by the Governor of Colorado related to the COVID-19 virus unless otherwise excepted or ordered; and

WHEREAS, Garfield County Public Health has confirmed five cases 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, on March 16, 2020, the Board issued a Declaration of Local Emergency, which by statute may 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; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) issued a public health order closing bars, restaurants, gyms, theaters and casinos effective as of 8:00 a.m. March 17, 2020 for a period of 30 days (“CDPHE Order on Social Distancing”); and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Garfield County Public Health Agency issued a Standing Public Health Order relating to Essential Garfield County Government Functions; and

WHEREAS, on March 18,2020, the CDPHE issued Public Health Order #20-23, Implementing Social Distancing measures (CDPHE Order); and

WHEREAS, Garfield County anticipates that without continued vigilance and appropriate action, the numbers of cases within the county will rise, may result in serious illness or death for certain members of the community, and may also have the effect of interrupting the functioning of the community in terms of work attendance, school attendance, and the like, as well as delay recovery; 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 authorizes the continuation of the declaration of a local disaster emergency in excess of seven days, by or with the consent of the governing board of the political subdivision; 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); and

WHEREAS, the Board agrees that it is appropriate to continue the Declaration of a Local Disaster Emergency throughout the duration of the CDPHE Order on Social Distancing, as amended, or further action by the Board;

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 and continues to be a local disaster emergency that warrants the mobilization of emergency response and the furnishing of aid and assistance.

2. The continuation of the declaration of local disaster emergency is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County of Garfield, State of Colorado.

3. This continuation of the declaration of local disaster emergency 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.

4. The declaration of local disaster emergency shall remain in effect for the duration of the CDPHE Order on Social Distancing, as amended, or further action by the Board.

DATED this 23rd day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

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Clerk to the Board

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

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

<u>Tom Jankovsky</u>	Aye/No
<u>Mike Samson</u>	Aye/No
<u>John Martin</u>	Aye/No
Commissioners	