

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO: 2020 – G - 2

**RE: DECLARING COVID-19 A LOCAL DISASTER IN ALAMOSA COUNTY,
COLORADO.**

Commissioner Sigmond moved for the adoption of the following resolution.
Commissioner Allen seconded the motion.

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Governor Jared Polis declared a state of emergency due to the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19) outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 131 presumptive cases throughout multiple counties in Colorado; and with more cases being confirmed on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, more cases of COVID-19 are being confirmed on a daily basis and are likely to continue to spread across the state; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1) "A local disaster may be declared only by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision. It shall not be continued or renewed in excess seven days except by or with the consent of the governing board of the political subdivision."; and

WHEREAS, the Alamosa County Administrator has consulted with the Board of County Commissioners and recommends the adoption of this declaration; and

WHEREAS, "The 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, defining clear roles for and direction to those responding to the local disaster emergency and operating under Alamosa County's emergency operations plan will allow a more effective response.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Alamosa County, Colorado:

THAT, the Alamosa County Board of County Commissioners confirms, determines, and declares that the likelihood of the number of COVID-19 cases occurring within the State of Colorado and spreading to Alamosa County is high,

and that such likelihood constitutes a local disaster emergency which warrants an emergency response and furnishing aid and assistance to affected portions of the community.

THAT, the Board recognizes that Alamosa County Public Health and Environment ("ACDPHE"), by and through its director and in coordination with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, which is leading the statewide response to COVID-19, is currently incident command for the response to COVID-19 within Alamosa County. ACDPHE has authority under state law to issue orders and guidance, and take other actions as necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. The Board directs county staff to take such actions to effectuate the orders and guidance of ACDPHE as necessary, in consultation with the Board where appropriate.

THAT, the Board recognizes the Sheriff of Alamosa County is a constitutional officer charged with maintaining public order within Alamosa County and is authorized under state law to enforce the orders of ACDPHE as well other governmental directives related to disasters and emergencies, all as reasonably necessary to protect the safety of the public. The Board requests the Sheriff to enforce the orders of ACDPHE and continue taking other actions as necessary to ensure the safety of the public during this local disaster emergency.

THAT, the Emergency Manager for Alamosa County is coordinating the countywide response to the disaster, including with partners of Alamosa County such as the towns within the county; first responders; human services, healthcare and emergency medical services providers; providers of critical infrastructure for the community; and other providers of important and necessary services to the public. The Board directs that the Emergency Manager continue to work closely with these partners to ensure a coordinated response throughout the county, and to continue to utilize Alamosa County staff and other resources as necessary for an effective response, in consultation with the Board as appropriate.

THAT, the Alamosa County Administrator manages the general operations of the county and serves as a liaison to municipalities within the county and others. The Board directs the County Administrator to continue coordinating with internal and external partners and to direct county staff as appropriate and necessary to address the local disaster emergency. The Board also directs the County Administrator to work with directors and managers within the county to address staff illness, sick time, working remotely, and similar topics to ensure the continuity of operations within the county in consultation with the Board as appropriate.

THAT, this local disaster emergency will continue until April 22, 2020, unless

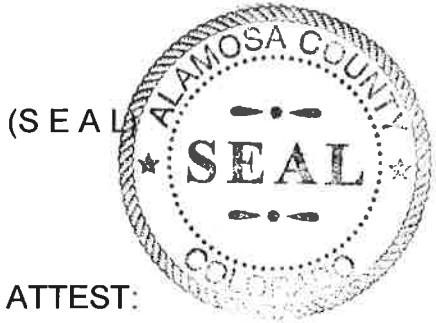
sooner amended, extended, or rescinded by the Board.

THAT, this Resolution and Declaration shall be promptly filed with the Alamosa County Clerk and Recorder and with the Office of Emergency Management.

THAT, this Resolution and Declaration is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado.

Roll call vote resulting in approval:

Done this __18th__ day of March, 2020.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ALAMOSA COUNTY

By 
Michael Yohn, Chairman

ATTEST:


Belina Ramirez, Deputy Clerk of the Board