

DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, COLORADO

WHEREAS the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic is causing widespread human and economic impacts to Cheyenne County, Colorado;

WHEREAS on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 a “pandemic”, and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a Federal Emergency Declaration for the Coronavirus Pandemic;

WHEREAS the COVID-19 Pandemic is causing public health emergency in Cheyenne County by generating multiple disruptions and impacts on healthcare infrastructure and continuity of Cheyenne County government that may cause delays or interrupt capacity to deliver necessary services,

WHEREAS the Cheyenne County Office of Emergency Management has advised the Board of County Commissioners of Cheyenne County (“Board”) of a disaster (as the term is defined in the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, § 24-33.5-709, et seq, C.R.S.) currently present in Cheyenne County, to wit: the occurrence of imminent threat of widespread and severe damage, injury, or loss of life, or property resulting from COVID-19 Pandemic requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage;

WHEREAS it is appropriate and in the interests of the public health and safety to rapidly address community spread of COVID-19 and subsequent cascading impacts such as economic distress, and would further protect the health and safety of the public, to declare an emergency in Cheyenne County;

WHEREAS the cost and magnitude of responding to and recover from the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic is far in excess of Cheyenne County’s available resources;

WHEREAS the economic cost and magnitude of the State ordered closing of all restaurants, bars, gyms and theatres by Governor Polis will have a devastating impact in Cheyenne County;

WHEREAS declaration of a local disaster emergency will assist and permit access to local emergency funds, Federal and State assistance, adjustments to policies, procedure and ordinances to ensure the public’s health and welfare;

WHEREAS an Emergency Declaration allows Cheyenne County to be able to take proactive measures and activate an Emergency Operations Plan (“EOP”) to better respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak;

WHEREAS the Cheyenne County Emergency Manager and the Cheyenne County Health Department Director have recommended that a local disaster be declared; and

WHEREAS the Chair of the Board, as principal executive officer of Cheyenne County, is authorized to unilaterally declare pursuant to § 24-33.5-709(1), C.R.S. and to activate the emergency management and operations plans and resolutions of Cheyenne County.

WHEREAS pursuant to §§ 301-10-307 and 308, C.R.S., as amended, the chairman of the Board is the principal executive officer of Cheyenne County and, in the absence of the chairman, the vice-chairman is statutorily authorized to act as the principal executive officer;

WHEREAS pursuant to § 24-33.5-709(1), C.R.S, the declaration of a local disaster “shall not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven days except by or with the consent of the governing board of the political subdivision”; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, by the chair or vice-chair of the Board of County Commissioners, County of Cheyenne, State of Colorado, that a disaster emergency is declared in and for the County of Cheyenne County, Colorado, beginning March 27, 2020, and ending on April 17, 2020, unless further extended by the consent of the Board.

**CHAIR/VICE-CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEYENNE COUNTY, COLORADO**



Signature

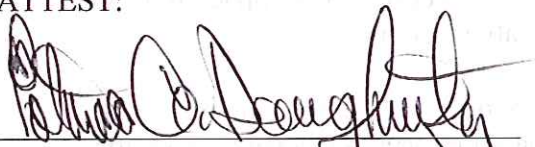
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Date

By:

Ronald R. Smith

ATTEST:


Patricia Daugherty, Clerk and Recorder