## DOUGLAS COUNTY LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION

## PURSUANT TO C.R.S. 24-33.5-709

WHEREAS, the Director of the Office of Emergency Management has advised the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County ("the Board") of a disaster (as that term is defined in the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, Part 7 of Article 33.5 of Title 24, C.R.S.) currently located in Douglas County Colorado which occurred or began to occur on March 5, 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 infectious disease pandemic; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has caused a strain on the public, the medical system, first responders, and many businesses; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the incident and the response and recovery have exceeded or will exceed operational resources available to Douglas County Government, and all available resources are being or will be utilized or expended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, Part 7 of Article 33.5 of Title 24, C.R.S. and the Douglas County Emergency Operations Plan, County RESOLUTION No. 016-096, the principal executive officer of a political subdivision is authorized to declare a local disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Director of the Office of Emergency Management has recommended that Chair of the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners, who is the principal executive officer of Douglas County, declare a local disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, it would be appropriate and in the interest of the public health and safety, and would further protect lives, for the Chair of the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners to implement said recommendation.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that there is hereby declared a local disaster emergency for Douglas County, Colorado, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-33.5-709, as amended; and that the Chairman of the board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Colorado, declares this to be a local disaster. I also understand that, according to Colorado State Statute, this disaster declaration will expire seven days from today, unless approved by a majority of the Board of County Commissioners.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity, and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk and Recorder, the municipal clerk, or another authorized recordkeeping agency, and the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (CDHSEM).

**DONE THIS** \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2020, at Castle Rock, Douglas County Colorado.

Roger A. Partridge

**BOCC** Chair

Principle Executive Officer

Douglas County