



MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION 2020 BCC 10

ORDER DECLARING A DISASTER  
IN AND FOR MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO

**WHEREAS**, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.) § 24-33.5-701, et seq., provides procedures for statewide and local prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from disasters;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-703(3), a "disaster" is defined to mean "the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural cause or cause of human origin, including but not limited to fire, flood, earthquake, wind, storm, wave action, hazardous substance incident, oil spill or other water contamination requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage, volcanic activity, epidemic, air pollution, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, civil disturbance, or hostile military or paramilitary action, or a condition of riot, insurrection, or invasion";

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 30-10-307 and 308, as amended, the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is the principal executive officer of Morgan County and, in the absence of the chairman, the vice-chairman is statutorily authorized to act as the principal executive officer;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), 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;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), any order declaring, continuing, or terminating a local disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk and Recorder;

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

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic is causing a public health emergency in State of Colorado by generating multiple disruptions and impacts on continuity of Morgan County government that may cause delays or interrupt capacity to deliver necessary services;

**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 unincorporated Morgan County; and

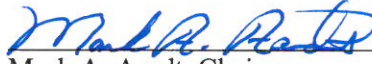
**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, by the chair of the Morgan County Board of County Commissioners, with the consent of the entire Morgan County Board of County Commissioners, that a local emergency is declared in and for the County of Morgan, Colorado, beginning

on 3-19-2020 and ending on 4-17-2020, unless further extended by the Board of County Commissioners.

APPROVED this 19th day of March, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO



Mark A. Arndt, Chairman



ATTEST:

(SEAL)



Susan Bailey, Clerk to the Board