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Park County Clerk

COUNTY OF PARK, COLORADO
ORDER DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

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; and,

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 of human origin, including but not limited to fire, flood, earthquake, wind storm, wave action, hazardous substance incident, oil spill or 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, invasion”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, a local disaster may be declared “only by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision” and such local disaster declaration “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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Park County Resolution 2011-31, the BOCC desires to designate the County Manager as the principal executive officer of Park County for the purpose authorizing the Director of Emergency Management to declare a local disaster in the absence of the Board of County Commissioners and when circumstances so require; and

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; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(2), the effect of declaring a local disaster “is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 25-1-509(1), the Public Health Director has the powers to “exercise all powers and duties conferred and imposed upon agencies not expressly delegated” to the County Board of Health; and

WHEREAS, by declaring a local disaster, the Park County disaster policies are in effect; and

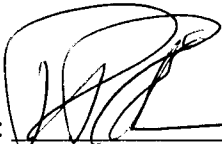
WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 a “public health emergency of international concern.” On January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared the virus a public health emergency. On March 11, 2020, WHO declared COVID-19 a pandemic, pointing

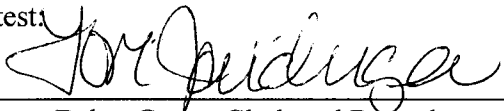
to the sustained risk of further global spread. On March 11, 2020, the Governor of the Colorado memorialized a verbal order from the previous day declaring the presence of COVID-19 in Colorado constitutes a disaster of emergency; and

WHEREAS, in light of the ongoing risk to public health and safety as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the County of Park and or jurisdictions within its boundaries is suffering or has suffered a disaster as defined under C.R.S. § 24-33.5-703(3); and

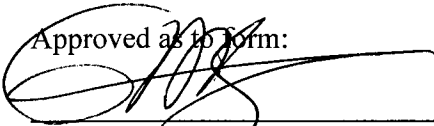
WHEREAS, the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovering from the impact of this disaster exceeds the County of Park’s available resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: by the chair of the Board of County Commissioners, County of Park, State of Colorado, that a disaster emergency is declared in the County of Park, Colorado beginning 9:37am MST on MARCH 19, 2020.

By: 
Richard Elsner , Chairman

Attest: 
Debra Green, Clerk and Recorder
Deputy



Approved as to form: 
County Attorney