

ROUTT COUNTY DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER

WHEREAS, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, 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 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”; 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,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 30-10-307 and 308, the chair of the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) is the principal executive officer of Routt County and, in the absence of the chair, the vice-chair is statutorily authorized to act as the principal executive officer; and,

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;” 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, the Routt County Director of Emergency Management has advised the Board of a disaster currently present in Routt County, to wit, the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from COVID19 Pandemic (“Pandemic”) requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage, which began to occur on or before March 10, 2020, and which continues; and

WHEREAS, it would be appropriate and in the interests of the public health and safety, and would further protect property, for the Board to implement said recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovery from the impact of the Pandemic is far in excess of the county's available resources; 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 inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans"; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. It is hereby declared that there is a local disaster in Routt County, to wit, the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from the Pandemic requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage.

2. The effect of this declaration of disaster shall be to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the principal executive officers of all other cities and towns in Routt County affected by said disaster are urged to proclaim similar declarations and to cooperate with Routt County as necessary to cope with this incident.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be effective upon the date and time given below, and shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed seven days thereafter except by or with the consent of a majority of the members of the Board. True copies will be filed promptly with the Colorado Office of Emergency Management and the Routt County Clerk and Recorder, and shall be promptly distributed to the appropriate representatives of the news media.

3/13/2020
Date



Timothy V. Corrigan, Chair
Routt County Board of County Commissioners.

ATTEST:



Kim Bonner,
Routt County Clerk and Recorder

