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LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION

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, there is currently a threat posed by the presence of Coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) in Delta County, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a novel Coronavirus first identified during an outbreak in Wuhan, China in December 2019, and since then, COVID-19 has spread to several countries, including the United States of America, and more specifically, to several counties in the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of Colorado, Jared Polis, declared a State of Emergency by and through a verbal order and subsequent written Executive Order D 2020 003, allowing subsequent State emergency rulemaking regarding specific industries; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States, Donald Trump, declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Governor wrote, in part, that “[i]n the coming days, the State anticipates there will be additional presumptive positive cases” in Executive Order D 2020 003; and

WHEREAS, the presence of COVID-19 in Delta County presents unique challenges and places strain upon local government, emergency and medical facilities and personnel; and

WHEREAS, the presence of COVID-19 in Delta County has created an unprecedented impact on the healthcare system and disruption of social activities; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the COVID-19 outbreak and the anticipated response and recovery costs exceed current operational resources available to Delta County Government and all available resources are being utilized to protect the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Delta County Emergency Manager and the Delta County Public Health Director have recommended that a local disaster be declared; and

WHEREAS, a disaster emergency declaration permits the County and its clinical partners to establish sustainable protocols to slow the spread of the disease while minimizing effects on the workplace and the economy as a whole; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and in the interest of the public health and safety, and further protects the local economy, for the Chair of the Delta County Board of County Commissioners to implement said recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that there is hereby declared a local disaster emergency for Delta County, Colorado, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Delta County encourages people to remain calm and to base their actions on credible sources of information.

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, and the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (CDHSEM).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this declaration shall remain in effect for a period of seven days unless continued or terminated by the Delta County Board of County Commissioners.

DONE THIS 23 day of March 2020, at Delta County, Colorado.

By: 

J. Mark Roeber, Chair

Board of County Commissioners and

Principal Executive Officer

Delta County, Colorado