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## PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

**WHEREAS**, in December 2019, an outbreak of respiratory illness due to the novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19), was first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, and has spread outside of China, affecting countries throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that may result in serious illness and death, and is easily transmitted; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 23, 2020, the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) activated its Emergency Response System to provide ongoing support for the response to COVID-19 across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the outbreak to be a “public health emergency of international concern”; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public emergency for COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency; and

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

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, the Governor of the State of California issued a new executive order further enhancing state and local government’s ability to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, as of March 13, 2020, it has been reported that COVID-19 has spread to over 90 countries and is spreading to a growing number of California cities and counties; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a state of national emergency in response to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, neighboring jurisdictions in counties outside the City of Plymouth are now reporting their first cases of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, since the health, safety, and welfare of Plymouth residents, businesses, visitors, and staff is of utmost importance to the City, additional emergency measures may be needed to protect the community; and

**WHEREAS**, even though the City of Plymouth, and its first responders, have taken significant measures in addressing and preparing against this emerging public health concern and to preserve the public health of its residents, the City may require additional assistance in the future,

**WHEREAS**, a formal declaration of a local emergency as set forth herein, which further effectuates, consummates, and perfects the intent of the City's intention to allow additional resources to flow to the City in a timely fashion; and

**WHEREAS**, existing conditions related to COVID-19 warrant the proclamation of emergency, as defined by City of Plymouth Municipal Code Chapter 8.07 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code section 8630 and Plymouth Municipal Code section 8.07.050 authorize the Director of Emergency Services for the City of Plymouth to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Government Code section 8558(c) defines a local emergency as "the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a county, city and county, or city, caused by conditions such as . . . epidemic . . . which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of that political subdivision and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat . . ."; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 8.07.050 of the Plymouth Municipal Code designates the Mayor as the Director of Emergency Services; and

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** by the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Plymouth that a local emergency exists.

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services shall be those prescribed by state law and allowed under the ordinances and resolutions of this City.

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that this local emergency regarding COVID-19 is declared in order to empower the City to:

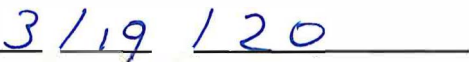
- Respond effectively to COVID -19;
- Seek and utilize mutual aide;
- Ensure the City is able to obtain reimbursement for its efforts in dealing with this local emergency, and
- Ensure that City staff has all the necessary tools and powers at their disposal to slow the spread of COVID-19.

IT **IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that this Proclamation shall remain in effect for the next seven (7) days, and thereafter upon final ratification of the City Council on or before March 26, 2020.



**KEITH WHITE**

**Mayor and Director of Emergency Services**



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