



**PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**  
**BY THE CITY MANAGER/DISASTER DIRECTOR OF THE**  
**CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE, CALIFORNIA**  
**REGARDING COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, Lake Elsinore Municipal Code 2.20.080.B. empowers the Disaster Director to proclaim the existence of a Local Emergency when the City Council is not in session; and

**WHEREAS**, the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease easily transmittable from person to person and considered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to be a very serious public health threat with outcomes ranging from mild sickness to severe illness and death; and

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

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020 the California Department of Health Services reported its first death related to COVID-19 and Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in the State of California due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 7, 2020, the first case of locally acquired COVID-19 was confirmed in Riverside County; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 8, 2020, Riverside County Public Health Officer determined that there is an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of COVID-19 in Riverside County and declared a local health emergency in Riverside County which declaration was ratified and confirmed by the County Board of Supervisors on March 10, 2020; and

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

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Riverside County had increased to eight (8) with three (3) confirmed cases locally acquired/community spread and the discovery of additional community cases is inevitable; and

**WHEREAS**, Riverside County is taking extraordinary measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and, on March 12, 2020, the Riverside County Public Health Officer issued an order cancelling all events in Riverside County with expected attendance above 250 individuals; and

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

**WHEREAS**, by March 16, 2020, the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Riverside County had increased to fourteen (14) and the Riverside County Public Health Officer issued an order cancelling gatherings of 10 or more people in Riverside County; and

**WHEREAS**, the health, safety and welfare of Lake Elsinore residents, businesses, visitors and staff is of utmost importance to the City and extraordinary measures to protect the public health, safety and welfare that are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the City of Lake Elsinore may be needed to protect the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager of the City of Lake Elsinore acting in his capacity as Disaster Director finds and determines:

- 1) that at the time of this Proclamation the City Council is not in session; and,
- 2) that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City of Lake Elsinore related to the COVID-19 outbreak; and
- 3) the efforts required to prepare for, respond to, mitigate and recover from the increasing spread of COVID-19 impose extraordinary demands which exceed the resources of the City of Lake Elsinore and require a coordinated and collaborative effort among the County of Riverside and the incorporated cities together with guidance and assistance on statewide, nationwide and worldwide levels; and
- 4) the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the City of Lake Elsinore and warrant and necessitate the Proclamation of a Local Emergency.

**NOW THEREFORE,**

**IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that a Local Emergency exists and, based on the ongoing threat to public health and safety, is continuing throughout the City of Lake Elsinore.

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that this Proclamation shall be effective immediately and shall expire in seven (7) days unless confirmed and ratified by the City Council of the City of Lake Elsinore and thereafter periodically reviewed by the City Council in accordance with applicable law, until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Lake Elsinore.

  
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Grant Yates, City Manager/Disaster Director  
City of Lake Elsinore

Dated: March 17, 2020