



DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

Summit County, Utah

WHEREAS, Summit County Code §5-4-4 provides that a “Declaration of Emergency” may be issued by the Summit County Manager; and,

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020, the Utah Department of Health (“UDH”) activated its Department Operations Center in response to the evolving COVID-19 global pandemic. The UDH recognizes COVID-19 as an imminent threat to the health and safety of the residents of the State of Utah (“Utah”); and,

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2020, the State Emergency Operations Center raised its activation level to “Level 3 – Elevated Action.” The Utah Division of Emergency Management (“UDEM”) and the UDH activated a Joint Information System for public information; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has identified the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as “high,” and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the UDH recognizes that confirmed community transmission in the United States significantly increases the risk of exposure and infection to the general public within Utah, which creates an extreme public health risk that may spread quickly; and,

WHEREAS, due to the identification of COVID-19 cases in Utah, including in Summit County, COVID-19 has created conditions that are or are likely to be beyond the control of local resources, and requires the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and,

WHEREAS, the Summit County Health Officer (“Health Officer”) has determined that there is an imminent and proximate threat to the public health within Summit County from COVID-19, and has concurrently declared a Local Public Health Emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the mobilization of local resources, the coordination of interagency responses, the acceleration of procurement of vital supplies, and the implementation of mutual aid agreements will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, these conditions create a “State of Emergency” within the intent of the “Disaster Response and Recovery Act” found in Utah Code Annotated (“UCA”), Title 53, Chapter 2a, (1953), as amended, and necessitate that Summit County proclaim the existence of a local emergency which allows for the utilization of emergency police powers and resources.

THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO UCA §53-2A-208 AND SUMMIT COUNTY CODE §5-4-4, BE IT DELCARED BY THOMAS C. FISHER, SUMMIT COUNTY MANAGER, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **Declaration of Local Emergency.** It is hereby declared that there is a local emergency affecting Summit County, Utah, which exceeds the resources of the community, and assistance is requested from both the State of Utah and the federal government to provide all necessary resources to combat such emergency to protect the community and provide emergency assistance.

Section 2. **Emergency Police Powers Activated.** The Summit County Manager shall exercise all powers and authority set forth in Summit County Code §5-4-6.

Section 3. **Emergency Operations Plan Activated.** The Summit County Emergency Operations Plan is now in effect. The incident command system with respect to this local emergency is hereby activated.

Section 4. **Emergency Operations Center Activated.** The Summit County Emergency Operations Center (“EOC”) is hereby activated.

Section 5. **Special Event Permits.** Special Event Permits will be subject to review on a case-by-case basis by the Summit County Manager. No further Special Event Permits shall be issued for seven (7) days following the Effective Date.

Section 6. **Closures.** The following Summit County facilities shall be closed to the general public until further notice:

North Summit Senior Center (Coalville)

South Summit Senior Center (Kamas)

Ledges Events Center and Fairgrounds (Coalville)

Due to the evolving situation with the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus, the closure of Summit County facilities will be continuously reviewed and updated. Where, in the opinion of the Summit County Manager, it is warranted, these closures may be expanded to other facilities.

Section 7. **County Operations.** County operations will be curtailed consistent with the recommendations contained in the Declaration of Local Public Health Emergency.

Section 8. **Duration.** This declaration of a local emergency shall expire thirty (30) days after the Effective Date (defined below) unless ratified in written form by the Summit County Council.

Section 9. **Publication.** This declaration of a local emergency shall be on file for public inspection with the Summit County Clerk.

Section 10. **Notice to Governor.** A copy of this declaration of a local emergency shall be sent to the Office of the Governor of the State of Utah.

Effective Date: _____

SUMMIT COUNTY, UTAH

Thomas C. Fisher
County Manager

Approved as to Form:

David L. Thomas
Chief Civil Deputy