AN ORDER DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY IN AND FOR THE CITY OF WOODLAND PARK, COLORADO

WHEREAS, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, *et seq.* (the "Act"), provides procedures for statewide and local prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from disasters and emergencies; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, an "emergency" is an unexpected event that places life or property in danger and requires an immediate response through the use of state and community resources and procedures, and an "emergency epidemic" is cases of an illness or condition, communicable or non-communicable, caused by bioterrorism, pandemic influenza, or novel and highly fatal infectious agents or biological toxins; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, a local disaster emergency may be declared "only by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision"; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Woodland Park Charter and Municipal Code, the Mayor may declare or proclaim a local emergency; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), the declaration of a local emergency shall not be continued beyond a period of seven days or removed except by action of the City Council; 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 ... city clerk... and with the office of emergency management"; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24.33.5.709(2), the effect of declaring a local disaster emergency "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,

WHEREAS, by declaring a local disaster emergency, the City Manager of the City of Woodland Park will be better able to respond to the emergency and work with other jurisdictions as appropriate and outlined in various applicable emergency management plans; and,

WHEREAS, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which occurred or began to occur on March 5, 2020, the City of Woodland Park is suffering or has suffered a disaster emergency as defined in the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND PARK, COLORADO, DECLARES:

<u>Section 1.</u> On this March 17, 2020, a disaster emergency is hereby declared in and for the City of Woodland Park, Colorado beginning on this day and ending March 24, 2020 unless further extended by action of the City Council of the City of Woodland Park.

<u>Section 2.</u> It is further ordered that this Resolution shall be given prompt and general publicity, filed immediately with the City Clerk and a copy shall be sent to the Colorado Office of Emergency Management.

The Honorable Neil Levy, Mayor

Attest:

Suzanne Leclercq, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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