

RECOGNIZES AND DECLARES A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, people are at risk from the COVID-19 coronavirus in the City of Alamosa; and

WHEREAS on March 10, 2020, Governor Jared Polis declared a state of emergency in response to COVID-19 to ensure that resources are available to the state to combat the disease, and on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency in reponse to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the risks posed by this natural threat require early warning for, and preparation by, those potentially or actually affected, as well as prompt coordination of resopnse and recovery actions, or special regulations of access, activities, persons, property, or the environment in order to protet the health, safety, or welfare of people, to limit damage to property, or the environment within the City of Alamosa; and

WHEREAS, City Council serves as the Alamosa Disaster Emergency Council under direction of the mayor pursuant to Section 6-1 of the *Code of Ordinances of the City of Alamosa* (the "Code"); and

WHEREAS, Section 6-4 of the *Code* gives the mayor the power to declare, by written proclamation, an emergency exists when there is reasonable cause to believe that life, property or public welfare are threatened by any natural disaster, which declaration shall be limited to seven days except by consent of the City Council for a longer period, and COVID-19 presents such a natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709 gives the City Manager the power to declare a local disaster, which declaration shall be limited to seven days except by consent of the City Council for a longer period; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Alamosa City Council, by virtue of the authority vested in us, hereby declare that a STATE OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY in and for the City of Alamosa now exists, and is so ordered, authorized, and approved for the duration of the State of Colorado's declared state of emergency, unless sooner terminated by the mayor by written proclamation when the COVID-19 emergency situation is no longer found to exist.

BE IT KNOWN that the mayor of the City of Alamosa hereby advises the Governor of the State of Colorado, the State's Office of Emergency Management, and the citizens of the City of Alamosa that a State of Local Disaster Emergency exists.

AND BE IT ALSO KNOWN that this Proclamation authorizes and directs the City Manager to put such emergency measures into effect as to her appear required in the circumstances, including the duty to publish and disseminate information concerning the COVID-19 pandemic, and

AND BE IT FURTHER KNOWN that this Proclamation further authorizes the City of Alamosa, its residents, and its businesses to apply for assistance from the State of Colorado, the federal government, or other available resources.

dopted this 18th day of March, 2020

Ty Coleman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Holly Martinez, City Clerk