

**ORDER DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY IN AND FOR
THE TOWN OF ELIZABETH, 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;

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 noncommunicable, caused by bioterrorism, pandemic influenza, or novel and highly fatal infectious agents or biological toxins;

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, such a declaration activates the response and recovery aspects of any applicable disaster emergency plans and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans;

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 7 days or removed except by action of the Board of Trustees;

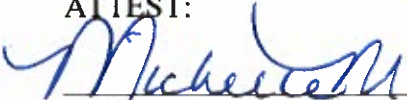
WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), any order declaring, continuing, or terminating a local disaster "shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the county clerk and recorder, the [town] clerk...and with the office of emergency management"; and

WHEREAS, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which was recognized by the Governor of the State of Colorado on March 10, 2020, the Town of Elizabeth is suffering and has suffered a disaster emergency as defined in the Act.

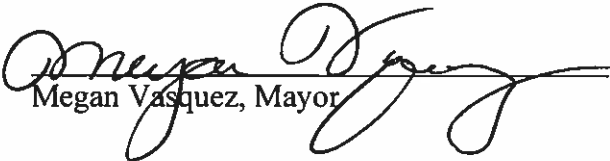
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, this 17 day of March, 2020, that a disaster emergency is declared in and for the Town of Elizabeth, Colorado, beginning on this day and ending 3-24, 2020 [7 days later], unless extended by action of the Board of Trustees.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall be given prompt and general publicity, filed immediately with the Town Clerk, and a copy of it shall be sent to the Elbert County Clerk and Recorder as well as to the Colorado Office of Emergency Management.

ATTEST:


Michelle M. Oeser, Town Clerk




Megan Vasquez, Mayor