

**TOWN OF HOTCHKISS, COLORADO,
ORDER DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER IN AND FOR THE TOWN OF
HOTCHKISS**

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

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; for the Town of Hotchkiss, Colorado (the "Town"),

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-1-2 of the Town Municipal Code the Mayor is designated as the executive head of the Town; and

WHEREAS, this Declaration is issued pursuant to the authority granted to the Mayor of the Town of Hotchkiss for the Town; 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 noncommunicable, 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, this Declaration activates the response and recovery aspects of any applicable disaster emergency plans and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans; 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 (7) days or removed except by action of the governing board of the political subdivision for the Town, the Board of Trustees; 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 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 is suffering and has suffered a disaster emergency as defined in the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED on this 19th day of March, 2020, that a disaster emergency is declared in and for the Town of Hotchkiss, beginning on March 19, 2020, and ending on March 25, 2020, unless extended or amended by action of the Board of Trustees for the Town.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity, filed immediately with the office of the Delta County Emergency Manager and a copy filed with the Delta County Clerk and Recorder, as well as to the Colorado Office of Emergency Management.


Larry Wilkening, Mayor

ATTEST:


Marlene Searle, Town Clerk