

**ORDER DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY IN AND FOR  
THE TOWN OF WILEY, 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, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which was recognized by the Governor of the State of Colorado on March 10, 2020, the Mayor of the Town of Wiley hereby finds, determines, and declares there is an ongoing risk of the likelihood of COVID-19 patients being identified in the Town of Wiley and has been advised of said risk by Prowers County Office of Public Health and Environment, and,

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the imminent economic hardship that will be affecting the local business community of the Town and employees of those businesses due to the ordered closure by Public Health Order 20-22, issued on March 16, 2020 and any subsequent orders, and to gain access to all Federal and State funding for the Town of Wiley and for all businesses in the Town affected by the same, 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, here the Mayor;

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 such a declaration activates the response and recovery aspects of any applicable disaster emergency plans and authorizes the furnishings of aid and assistance under such plans, in addition to gaining access to any and all resources that may be available from FEMA or the State of Colorado, and,

WHEREAS, the expense and magnitude of responding to and recovering from the impact of a significant COVID-19 outbreak in the Town of Wiley far exceeds the Town's available resources, 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

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, this 20th day of March, 2020, that a disaster emergency is declared in and for the Town of Wiley, Colorado, beginning on this day and ending March 27th, 2020, 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 Prowers County Clerk and Recorder as well as to the Colorado Office of Emergency Management.

  
Allen Campbell, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Debbie Dillon, Town Clerk

