



## **CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH**

### **PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.16.050(A) of the Laguna Beach Municipal Code designates the City Manager as the City's Director of Emergency Services;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.16.060(A)(1) of the Laguna Beach Municipal Code authorizes the Director of Emergency Services, if the City Council is not in session, to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by public calamity;

**WHEREAS**, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons has arisen both internationally and within the United States as a result of the introduction of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), a novel communicable disease, which was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019;

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has spread globally to over 70 countries, infecting more than 169,000 persons and killing more than 6,500 individuals worldwide;

**WHEREAS**, due to the expanding list of countries with widespread transmission of COVID-19, and increasing travel alerts and warnings for countries experiencing sustained or uncontrolled community transmission issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), COVID-19 has created conditions that are likely to be beyond the control of local resources and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat;

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of California, and the County of Orange have already declared that National, State, and local health emergencies exist;

**WHEREAS**, The Governor of the State of California has released a statewide guidance, urging the highest risk population (individuals who are 65 years or older, or have compromised immune system) to self-isolate at home;

**WHEREAS**, the City's ability to mobilize local resources, coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and seek future reimbursement by the State and Federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Emergency Services believes and has concluded that the above-described conditions of extreme peril warrant a proclamation of local emergency; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to Chapter 2.16 of the Laguna Beach Municipal Code and California Government Code Section 8630, it is hereby proclaimed that a local emergency now exists in the City of Laguna Beach and for this emergency, assistance and aid is requested from Federal, State, and the County governance to the City, individuals and businesses affected thereby.

**City Manager/ Director of Emergency Services:**



John Pietig

**Date:**

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