

**A RESOLUTION TO
DECLARE THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the global community, including the State of Nevada and the residents of Carson City, is at present faced with an unprecedented health crisis driven by the outbreak of an infectious disease known as the coronavirus or COVID-19, which has been deemed a pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Steve Sisolak, Governor of the State of Nevada, has declared a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Carson City Board of Supervisors recognizes the dangers of this pandemic and the serious threats it poses to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Carson City, and the Board further desires to exercise all lawful, necessary and proper powers granted to local government to mitigate against the spread of infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of state law set forth in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapters 244 and 414 and Chapter 6.02 of the Carson City Municipal Code, the Board of Supervisors is duly authorized to declare an emergency to exercise certain of the powers delegated to local government by the Nevada Legislature; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of NRS 241.020, which governs the conduct of meetings of public bodies under the Open Meeting Law, the Carson City Board of Supervisors is authorized in the event of an emergency to hold a meeting without providing written notice of at least three working days before the meeting;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carson City Board of Supervisors that:

1. The following matters are expressly recognized:

- A.** A state of emergency does exist from the spread of COVID-19 within the boundaries of Carson City; and
- B.** Carson City has had no fatalities to date, but has identified 15 current cases of possible exposure to infection that the Carson City Department of Health and Human Services is tracking, and which could present a serious health risk to the population of roughly 60,000 persons permanently residing in Carson City; and
- C.** The risk of exposure to infectious disease could affect the entire population of Carson City if the emergency is not immediately mitigated; and
- D.** Carson City has implemented an Emergency Operation Center (EOC) and the EOC through City staff has subsequently taken steps to assist in the mitigation effort, resources have been committed by the City for mitigation and the Carson City Department of Health and Human Services has taken the lead in conducting all public health surveillance, testing and treatments of exposed individuals and the requesting of available resources and resource allocation; and
- E.** The length of time during which an actual emergency exists as the result of the spread of coronavirus is uncertain, as no vaccine exists and international, federal and state guidelines and recommendations are rapidly changing in diligent response to the pandemic; and

F. To fully access all necessary and proper powers to aid in mitigating against the pandemic, it is prudent and appropriate to officially declare the existence of an emergency under applicable law; and

2. **It is hereby declared that there is the existence of an emergency in Carson City; and**

3. **It is hereby further declared that in accordance with the Emergency Operation Plan, this declaration is effective for two weeks from the date of this Resolution, and that it shall automatically extend for additional periods of one week upon expiration of the prior period until the Board of Supervisors convenes to declare that the emergency no longer exists or the Governor of the State of Nevada issues such a declaration, whichever is sooner; and**

4. **It is hereby further declared and ordered that:**

A. All providers of emergency services employed by Carson City take all necessary steps authorized by law to secure the persons and property of the citizens of Carson City; and

B. This declaration of the existence of emergency be made through the Director of the Nevada State Division of Emergency Management and that state assistance is requested immediately; and

C. A copy of this Resolution be submitted to the Governor of the State of Nevada, and for this submission to be deemed a request that the Governor proclaim Carson City to be in a state of emergency.

Adopted this 19th day of March, 2020

Ayes: Supervisors _____

Nays: Supervisors _____

Absent: Supervisors _____

Attest:

Aubrey Rowlett, Clerk/Recorder

Bob Crowell, Mayor