THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF PHILLIPS COUNTY, COLORADO DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03-20-04

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 a "pandemic;" and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a Federal Emergency Declaration for the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic is causing widespread human and economic impacts to Phillips County, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic is causing a public health emergency in Phillips County by generating multiple disruptions and impacts on healthcare infrastructure and continuity of Phillips County government that may cause delays or interrupt capacity to deliver necessary services; and

WHEREAS, the Phillips County Office of Emergency Management has advised the Board of County Commissioners of Phillips (Board) of a disaster (as the term is defined in the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, § 24-33.5-701 *et seq.,* C.R.S.) currently present in the area of Phillips County, to wit, the occurrence of imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and in the interests of the public health and safety to rapidly address community spread of COVID-19 and subsequent cascading impacts such as economic distress, and would further protect the health and safety of the public, to declare an emergency in
Phillips County; and

WHEREAS, the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic is far in excess of Phillips County's available resources; and

WHEREAS, the economic cost and magnitude of the State ordered closing of all restaurants, bars, gyms and theaters by Governor Jared Polis; and

WHEREAS, declaration of a local disaster emergency will assist and permit access to local emergency funds, Federal and State assistance, adjustments to policies, procedures, and ordinances to ensure the public's health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, an Emergency Declaration allows Phillips County to be able to take proactive measures and activate our Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) to better respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 event; and

WHEREAS, the County has remotely activated its Emergency Operations Center, and the Board of County Commissioners now seeks to declare a local disaster, in addition to other steps outlined below, to address the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, as of Wednesday, March 18, 2020, Governor Polis has suspended normal in person instruction from March 23, 3030 to April 17, 2020 for all public and private elementary and secondary schools in Colorado, including public preschools on public school campuses; and

WHEREAS, the Phillips County Emergency Manager and Northeast Colorado Public Health Director have recommended that a local disaster be declared; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Board, as principal executive officer of Phillips County, is authorized to unilaterally declare a local disaster pursuant to§ 24-33.5-709, C.R.S., and to activate the emergency management and operations plans and resolutions of Phillips County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. There is hereby declared to be a local disaster emergency in the area of Phillips County, Colorado, to wit, the occurrence of imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property, resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage.

2. The effect of this Declaration shall be to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans.

3. Allow through vetting and an established training regiment allow expired and retired Emergency Medical Services staff that have previously been certified as Emergency Medical Technician – Basic, Intermediate or Paramedic to perform with those levels within the agencies written protocols.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the principal executive officers of all cities and towns in Phillips County affected by said disaster are urged to proclaim similar declarations and to cooperate with Phillips County as necessary to address the emergency conditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Declaration shall be effective upon the date and time given below and shall remain in effect for a period of seven days unless rescinded or extended by the Phillips County Board of County Commissioners prior to expiration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that true copies shall be promptly filed with the Phillips County Clerk and Recorder and the Colorado Division of Emergency Management and shall be promptly distributed to the appropriate representatives of the news media.

ADOPTED on Friday, the 20th day of March 2020 at 11:00 am.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PHILLIP COUNTY COLORADO

Terry L. Hofmeister

Terry Hofmeister, Chairman

Harlan Stern

Donald Lock

ATTEST:

Beth Zilla

Beth Zilla, Clerk to the Board

EXTENDED:

Terry L. Hofmeister — March 26, 2020

Commissioner Terry Hofmeister, Chairman — **Date and time** 11:00am

Terry L. Hofmeister — April 1, 2020

Commissioner Terry Hofmeister, Chairman — **Date and time** 11:00am

Terry L. Hofmeister — April 7, 2020

Commissioner Terry Hofmeister, Chairman — **Date and time** 11:00am.

RESCINDED:

Commissioner Terry Hofmeister, Chairman — **Date and time**

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Terry L. Hofmeister	April 13, 2020 11:00am
Commissioner Terry Hofmeister, Chairman	Date and time
Terry L. Hofmeister	April 19, 2020 11:00am
Commissioner Terry Hofmeister, Chairman	Date and time
Terry L Hofmeister	April 25-2020 11:00Am
Commissioner Terry Hofmeister, Chairman	Date and time
Terry L Hofmeister	May 1-2020 11:00 Am
Commissioner Terry Hofmeister, Chairman	Date and time
Terry L Hofmeister	May 7-2020 - 11:00
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Terry L Hofmeister	May 13-2020 11:00
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Terry L Hofmeister	May 19-2020
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Terry L. Hofmeister	May 25, 2020
Commissioner Terry Hofmeister, Chairman	Date and time
Terry L Hofmeister	May 31, 2020
Commissioner Terry Hofmeister, Chairman	Date and time
Terry L Hofmeister	June 6, 2020
Commissioner Terry Hofmeister, Chairman	Date and time
Terry L. Hofmeister	June 12, 2020
Commissioner Terry Hofmeister, Chairman	Date and time

RESCINDED:

Commissioner Terry Hofmeister, Chairman	Date and time

EXTENDED:

Terry L. Hofmeister	June 18, 2020 11:00 A/m
Commissioner Terry Hofmeister, Chairman	Date and time
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