

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PHILLIPS COUNTY,
COLORADO DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-06-15-06**

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 severe thunderstorm and excessive wind damage events on June 6 and June 9, 2020 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 need 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 economic cost and magnitude of responding to and recovery from the impact of the severe thunderstorm and excessive wind damage events are far in excess of Phillips County's available resources; 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 active measures and activate our Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) to better respond to the impacts of the severe thunderstorm and excessive wind damage events; 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 severe thunderstorm and excessive wind damage events; and

WHEREAS, the Phillips County Emergency Manager has 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 widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property, resulting from the severe thunderstorm and excessive wind damage events requiring emergency action to assess and assist with 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 regimen 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 thirty 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 Monday, the 15th day of June 2020 at 4:30 pm.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PHILLIP
COUNTY COLORADO

Terry F. Hofmeister

Terry Hofmeister, Chairman

Harlan Stern

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Donald J. Lock

Donald Lock

ATTEST:

Beth Zilla

Veddyl. Danielson, Deputy Clerk

Beth Zilla, Clerk to the Board

EXTENDED:

Terry F. Hofmeister
Commissioner Terry Hofmeister, Chairman

6-15-2020 - 11:00
Date and time

Terry F. Hofmeister
Commissioner Terry Hofmeister, Chairman

July 15-2020 11am
Date and time

Terry F. Hofmeister
Commissioner Terry Hofmeister, Chairman

Aug 15, 2020 11am
Date and time

RESCINDED:

Commissioner Terry Hofmeister, Chairman

Date and time